Subject: Please take the NDSA Digital Preservation Staffing Survey

Body:

Organizations establishing or scaling up digital preservation programs are faced with many decisions. How many staff do we need? What types of positions are required? What skills, education and experience should we be looking for? Should we hire new staff or retrain existing staff? What functions should be scoped as part of the program? What should be provided by other parts of the organization, outsourced or provided through collaboration with other organizations?

The National Digital Stewardship Alliance (NDSA) Standards & Practices Working Group is conducting a survey of organizations currently responsible for digital preservation to gain insight into how organizations worldwide are addressing these staffing, scoping and organizational questions.

Only one response should be submitted per institution. The survey will close on August 17, 2012.

To begin click on this link: Start the survey

Please email any questions to ndsa@loc.gov with the subject line Staffing Survey.

We will make our best effort to protect your individual survey responses so that no one will be able to connect your responses with you or your organization. Any personal information that could identify you or your organization will be removed or changed before results are made public. We will combine your responses with the responses of others and make the aggregated results public, and preserve the anonymous data long-term for research purposes.

If you would like to plan your answers before filling out the online survey, you can access the survey worksheet. After you take the survey, if you would like a copy of your institution’s responses, please send the request to ndsa@loc.gov with the subject line Staffing Survey and indicate in the email your institution and the IP address from which you submitted the survey.

Thank you,

[YOUR NAME], on behalf of the Standards & Practices WG, NDSA