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Wikimedia District of Columbia

On behalf of Destination DC, the official convention and tourism corporation for Washington DC, I would like to extend a formal invitation to Wikimedia District of Columbia, to hold their Congress in Washington DC in July/August 2012.

Washington, DC boasts a rich and expansive history of hosting important events, from presidential inaugurations and world-class sports competitions, to major international conventions. As one of the world's leading destinations for travel and tourism, DC is a popular draw for conferences and conventions as it offers easy access and navigation through three major airports and a world-class public transportation system. Visitors discover a lengthy list of must-see attractions and a wide range of centrally-located hotels and restaurants.

We would be honored to host the Wikimania Convention in Washington, DC with its attendee base pulling from the United States and around the world, as we have a lot to offer both. Washington DC is home to many important museums and venues that would interest Wikimedia members as well as other delegates coming to the convention. Such examples include the National Geographic Museum, the Newseum, over 19 different Smithsonian's, as well as the Library of Congress - most of which are free! We also boast more than 50 world-class universities, federal agencies, private companies and nonprofit research facilities that attract students and researchers to the metropolitan area, thus providing a base of delegates for meetings and conventions. We strongly believe that in Washington, DC the Wikimania Convention would be able to continue its mission of promoting, developing, and maintaining open content for wiki-based projects, as well as provide the full contents of those projects to the public free of charge.

I am confident that you and your delegates will enjoy a positive, rewarding experience should you select Washington, DC as your future destination. Destination DC and all of its partners look forward to the opportunity of working with you and we would love to be your hosts.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elliott L. Ferguson".

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