

Service Funding

Financial

- **Initial Investment**

- ◆ Room videoconference equipment
 - ◇ ATLAS
 - 40-4-C01
 - 40-S2-D01 (or C01)
 - 40-R-C10
 - 40-R-D10
 - 40-S2-C01 (or D01)
 - 40-4-D08
 - ◇ CMS
 - 40-R-B10
 - 40-2-A01
 - 40-5-A01
 - 40-S2-A01
 - 40-S2-B01
 - ◇ ALICE
 - 160
 - ???
 - ◇ LHCb
 - ???

- **Yearly costs**

- ◆ Room videoconference equipment maintenance
 - ◇ IT-UDS believes this maintenance should done as a standard maintenance contract offered by the equipment reseller. The conditions and prices should be further discussed
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 - 40-4-C01
 - 40-S2-D01 (or C01)
 - 40-R-C10
 - 40-R-D10
 - 40-S2-C01 (or D01)
 - 40-4-D08
 - ◇ CMS
 - 40-R-B10
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 - ◇ LHCb
 - ???
- ◆ Services
 - ◇ Room operation support
 - ◇ PC maintenance
 - ◇ Projector maintenance
 - ◇ VRVS Support
 - ◇ Event recording
 - ◇ Live Webcasting
 - ◇ Video storage and serving

Manpower

- Technical Support
 - ◆ 1 operator (funded by IT-UDS)
 - ◆ 1 operator (unfunded post as from 1st September)
- Engineering
 - ◆ 1 VRVS PJAS (funded by IT-UDS)
 - ◆ 1 videoconference engineer (unfunded post)
 - ◆ 1 software engineer (unfunded post)

Open questions

It is difficult to discuss funding issues at least before having a clear idea of the services expected by the experiments. The following questions are intended to help solve this question.

- room refurbishing
 - ◆ Which rooms for ATLAS, LHCb and Alice?
 - ◆ Should each experiment pay for equipping "its" rooms?
 - ◊ If so, what does "its" mean? How can we define the level of priority for booking the rooms?
 - ◆ Or should all experiments contribute to a common fund in view of this global equipment?
 - ◊ If so the contributions could be calculated according to the relative usage of the rooms
 - ◊ The contributions could be spread over the expected life time of the systems (5 years)
 - ◊ The contribution could be added as a forfait also including other services (filming, webcasting...)
- videoconference equipment maintenance
 - ◆ Which maintenance contract should be established? (more details about the different possibilities will be provided at a later stage)
- Videoconference support
 - ◆ Planned interventions or on request?
 - ◆ User training? In which form (personal tutorials or general training sessions)?
- VRVS support
 - ◆ What kind of support could CERN and the experiments provide to Caltech in order to preserve the service?
 - ◊ IT-UDS already contributes to VRVS support by hosting a PJAS (which activity goes far beyond CERN). In the current situation, IT-UDS feels its contribution should not go further
- Lecture recordings
 - ◆ Simple videos or web lecture objects or both?
 - ◆ How should the work be split between U. of Michigan and CERN?
 - ◆ In which rooms? If only a limited number of rooms is needed, then they could be equipped permanently as is the main auditorium.
 - ◆ Self-service or with operators?

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