DALNET HORIZON TESTING OUTLINE

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1. Horizon 5.1 Testing

a. DALNET indicated they would test Horizon 5.1 when two DALNET libraries had been installed. Wayne State University and Botsford will be installed by the end of March, 1999. We had expected the first two to be the University of Detroit Mercy and Wayne State University, because we wanted to test with two larger databases.

Question: Should we still aim for testing with 2 of the larger libraries, or with Botsford and WSU? If two larger libraries, testing could begin when UDM is converted to 5.1 or when DPL goes live with 5.1, whichever is soonest.

b. The intent was to tie functionality acceptance testing to software payment. A large payment is due when WSU/DPL/Botsford install Horizon 5.1, which was scheduled to be by the end of March, however, it is not clearly tied to acceptance testing on the payment schedule.

Testing is to be done within thirty days of installation of each module. WSU may not implement the acquisitions module until October.

Question: How should we handle the timing of the functionality acceptance testing?

c. Horizon 5.1 was supposed to be ready when UDMercy installed the system. It is just being delivered and some of the features and fixes in our contract description were postponed to the next release.

Question: How do we identify features no longer included in 5.1? How do we identify those that are important/critical to DALNET? What do we do about them?

2. WebPAC 1.3 Testing

a. Two major features of WebPAC 1.3 have been installed with WebPAC 1.2, however, broadcast searching has not been provided. This feature is critical to our being able to manage on an interim basis without a union OPAC.

Question: Should we test as much of WebPAC as we have or wait?

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b. The list of features and capabilities for testing WebPAC is partially included in the Horizon functional description.

Question: What list of features do we use for testing WebPAC?

c. There are no separate payments for WebPAC in the payment schedule. It seems to be included with the Horizon payments.

Question: How do we handle this for acceptance and payment?

3. Horizon Enhancements

a. The first two Horizon enhancements—shared patron database and authentication system for users—were scheduled for delivery in March 1999. I don't think we have an agreed upon date for the third enhancement, e.g., the shared authority file.

I will check with M. Auer about the date for the third enhancement.

Question: What do we do to ensure delivery of these enhancements?

b. Testing of enhancements was to be based on mutually agreed upon functional descriptions.

Question: Do we have such descriptions to use? If not, how do we develop them?

 A large payment—for 50% of these three enhancements—is scheduled for July 1999.

Question: What do we do about the delay in delivery of one or more of them?

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