Research Consent Script for Telephone Interviews

**Instruction to Researcher:** At the beginning of telephone interviews, it is important that the subject is read the following explanation of the study and their verbal consent to participate is obtained and documented on this form by the interviewer.

I am [interviewer], [interviewer's title] at [institution's name].

The Web-at-Risk project is one of eight digital preservation projects funded in 2004 by the Library of Congress. The project is a 3-year collaborative effort of the California Digital Library, the University of North Texas, and New York University.

The project will develop a Web Archiving Service that enables curators to build collections of web-published materials. One important assessment goal in the project’s Content Identification, Selection, and Acquisition (CISA) path is to identify the needs and concerns of web content producers, that is, organizations like yours who publish or supply the materials for web-based collections. It is expected that the needs and concerns identified will translate into requirements for the Web Archiving Service.

The interview is expected to take approximately one hour. Interview notes or transcripts will be accessible only to researchers and analysts. While a list of participants may be published, comments will not be attributed to individuals in a manner that they can be recognized.

This research study has been reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board at [institution's name]. The IRB can be contacted at [telephone number] or [email] with any questions regarding the rights of research subjects.

Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you can refuse to answer any questions or terminate the interview at any time without penalty. In case you have any questions about the study, please contact [interviewer or researcher], [title or position] at [institution's name], at [email address] or [telephone number].

Do you agree to participate in this interview? _____ Yes _____ No

**For the Investigator or Designee:** I certify that I have reviewed the contents of this form with the subject being interviewed. I have explained the known benefits and risks of the research. It is my opinion that the subject understood the explanation.

Investigator Signature ___________________________ Date _______________