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DST Lab – DEADLINE March 15 - Hotel & Meeting Accommodations

Dear Lab Members,

The location in Hawaii for the DST Innovation Lab has been confirmed. We'll be at a resort in a quieter area of Oahu's west coast, about a 30-minute drive from the Honolulu International Airport (Airport Code - HNL). Please review the following information carefully and note these **DEADLINES**.

- **MARCH 15:** Upgrade to a single occupancy room
- **MARCH 18-31:** Reserve up to three extra nights before and/or after the Lab for special rate

Please see the information below for more details.

Hotel: The JW Marriott Ihilani Resort will be the location for both our meetings and accommodations for the week. It looks wonderful! – particularly if you are experiencing what seems to be never-ending cold weather and snow! For more information, please go to their website at www.ihilani.com.

Dates: The Lab will kick-off on Sunday evening, July 20 at 6pm with a welcome dinner, introductions, updates on activities since last year's lab and a review of the agenda and goals for the week. Accommodations will be reserved and funded by the Omidyar group for Sunday, July 20 through Friday morning, July 25 (5 nights/6 days).

NOTE for Core Faculty and Staff: Core Faculty and Staff are planning to meet for dinner on Saturday, July 19 as well as Sunday morning and afternoon, July 20, to complete the planning for the week. Room reservations have been made for you for Saturday night as well as Sunday through Friday morning.

Single Occupancy versus Double Occupancy Rooms: As last year, we ask two Lab participants to share a room. The upcharge for individual participants to have their own room for 5 nights (Sunday night through Thursday night) is \$825. To ensure availability, **please advise Meg Markle**, mmarkle@uwm.edu, no later than Saturday, **March 15** if you would like your own room and are willing to pay the upcharge. For those sharing a room, we'll forward a survey in April to inquire about roommate preferences.

Extra Nights before and/or after the Lab: The Ihilani is offering a special rate of \$289 + tax (total \$329.35) for up to three (3) extra nights at the resort either before or after the Lab. Please contact the hotel between **March 18 and March 31** to reserve a room for these additional days. Please advise them that you are with the Omidyar Group, Aubrey Yee and/or the DST Lab. July is one of the busiest tourist months in Hawaii. If not reserved by March 31, rates for additional nights may rise as high as \$400 or more + tax. Their phone is (808) 679-0079; or email them at <http://www.ihilani.com/emailpage.html>.

Airline Reservations: We encourage everyone to make their airline reservations no later than April 1. We'll be contacting you in the future for your flight arrangements and provide additional information on transportation to/from the Honolulu International Airport (HNL).

Special Dietary Needs: We'll forward a survey in April asking you to identify any special dietary restrictions so we can plan meals appropriately to meet your needs.

The above information will be posted on the Dynamical Systems Innovation Lab website, <http://conflictinnovationlab.org>, under the **Lab 2014** tab at the top of the page.

We again thank the Omidyar Group for supporting the work of the Lab. Please contact Meg (MMarkle@uwm.edu), Aubrey Yee of the Omidyar group (aubrey@hawaiiqualityoflife.org) or Chris Straw (cs2913@columbia.edu) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you in July!

Best,

Chris and Meg

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