FACADE2 DECEMBER 2012 REPORT

PROJECT SUMMARY
The FACADE2 project, a collaboration between the Frances Loeb Library of Harvard Library and MIT Libraries, is a first step in the further development of a shared production tool, workflows, and what we envision as a shared repository for the collecting, archiving, access, and preservation of born-digital architectural files. This first step focuses on upgrading the current metadata tool (CWB) for the tagging of architectural files, along with testing of the tool across two institutions.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS
December Update (12-7-2012)

- Two iterations of the Curator's Workbench wireframes were completed by developers, and the FACADE2 project team provided feedback.
- Technology selection for the backend and frontend development frameworks is largely completed.
- Determined folder structure and file distribution of the set of building data acquired, as well as software, file types, and file count within the set.
- FACADE2 team members participated in the Library Lab Showcase at Harvard in November.
- FACADE2 team members participated in a video interview about the project for Library Lab.

March Update (3-15-2012)

- Reviewed roles and responsibilities for the overall FACADE processing workflow.
- Conducted a technical review of the existing Curator's Workbench with Sebastian and provided Sebastian with the source code for his review.
- Reviewed a workflow improvements document which contains a list of target areas from the original FACADE research project that could use further development, and drafted a list of enhancements that were reviewed with Sebastian.
- Drafted a gift agreement.
- Begun discussions with institutional legal counsel re: gift agreement.
- Obtained one set of building data and is in conversation with faculty about acquiring additional sets.
- Reviewed and expanded vocabularies for CWB description tabs (disciplines, document types, project stages/phases, project divisions.)
- Working towards standing up a demo of the original Curator's Workbench with test data.

CHALLENGES

- Acquiring a new set of building data for testing from architects, given that it requires a legal agreement with the donating architect.
- Finding a developer that could take on the project, and getting the project started.

NEXT STEPS

- Finalization of wireframes by developers with feedback from team members.
- Ingest of acquired set of building data into the metadata tool for testing.