



Response to IRS Questions re: Form 1023  
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Attention: M. Ranney

Re: Questions concerning Form 1023, in letter dated 30 August 2006,  
for:

Ars Hermeneutica, Limited  
EIN: 20-2143388

Dear Mr. Ranney,

I am sending the enclosed pages in response to your questions concerning Ars Hermeneutica's *Application for Recognition of Tax-Exempt Status, Form 1023*.

Following you will find your three questions with interspersed answers. Naturally, if more questions arise as we continue with this process, I am at your service.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey N. Shaumeyer  
President, Ars Hermeneutica, Limited

*Question 1. Partnering with a commercial enterprise to develop concepts for educational video games would not be considered to be an activity described under IRC 501(c)(3) since its purpose is to develop a product for sale. There are many educational products on the market sold by for profit companies, and the development of those products is considered to be part of the for-profit process, even though the resulting products may be used for educational purposes Please provide clarification regarding your plans to work with commercial enterprises*

"Partnering" may have been a bad choice of words. Rather than "partnering" to mean establishing a business partnership, we meant to imply a teaming relationship for purposes of competing for appropriate government-funded research opportunities. Ars Hermeneutica has no intention of developing commercial products; our organizing purpose is research, not product development.

Ars Hermeneutica would provide research capabilities to this team in two areas: 1) computer-science research directed at developing enabling technologies for expressing physical, chemical, and biological laws (examples might include modeling fluid flows, intermolecular forces, or genetic expression in cells) in the context of computer simulations; and 2) educational research directed at establishing the extent to which children who are exposed to video games that include these scientific bases gain scientific understanding from that exposure. The commercial enterprise in this team is expected to provide a realistic, state-of-the-art video-game environment for the research. All of our research results would be made available to the public.

We expect that this sort of joint-research effort in pursuit of government research opportunities would be typical of our limited plans to work with commercial enterprises.

*Question 2. Explain what disposition will be made of the results of your research. Will you give preference to any organization or individual either as to results or as to time of release? If so, please explain.*

Ars Hermeneutica is committed to its organizing mission of research in the public interest. Therefore all of our research results will be published in a timely manner to make them accessible to the interested public without any preference to any organization or individual.

*Question 3. State who will retain ownership or control of any patents, copyrights, processes, or formulas resulting from your research.*

Ars Hermeneutica does not expect to retain control of any intellectual properties that result from its research, including copyrights, formulae, patents, or processes. Our research is done in the public interest and it is part of our mission to make all of our research results available to the public.