
Subject: Request for proposals - Mac graphics program development

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International Orienteering Federation
(in conjunction with the World Masters Games)
Control Descriptions Software Project

What is Orienteering ? : It is an intellectually and physically demanding sport which combines cross-country running with the skill of navigation in the forest. Strategy is the key to success. The orienteer must decide what route is likely to be quickest based on his/her running and map reading skills.

What are the World Masters Games ? : The motto of the World Masters Games organization is "Sport for Life". Its goals are to provide a non-political non-nationalistic non-racial event in which elite athletes from around the world are free to compete on an individual basis. The inaugural Games will involve 22 sports, including orienteering, and will be held in and around Toronto in August, 1985.

What are Control Descriptions ? : An I.O.F. control description list consists of a set of language-independent symbols that describe the precise location of control markers in the forest.

What is required of the proposed software ? : At present, control descriptions are prepared by hand or with the aid of a special stencil. This is extremely tedious and time consuming, and potentially subject to errors. A menu driven, interactive graphics system for this task would be very valuable to event organizers throughout the world.

What hardware is the system to run on ? : This is, of course, open to suggestions. However results of preliminary experiments with an Apple Macintosh make it an obvious choice.

Who will own the software to be developed ? : Contractual details, includ-

ing ownership and/or royalties etc. is subject to ongoing negotiations with the Orienteering Masters Organizing Committee. Bear in mind that the world is your market-place and that the cost of advertizing throughout the I.O.F. community is nominal.

For more information on the software project: mail to rdickinson@watcgl, preferably before November 21, '84.

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