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Sonda Dawes
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Regarding: Offer to Acquire Boost.org Domain

Dear Sonda Dawes:

Hi Sonda, I hope this letter finds you well. It's been a few years since we saw each other at the Boost conference in Aspen. I write to ask for your assistance, as the project is facing a crisis. To put it simply, the domain name "boost.org" which holds the Boost website, will expire and may become lost forever. We would like to officially purchase the domain name from you to avoid this outcome.

Early next year the domain name will expire, and then Network Solutions (the registrar) will put it up for auction. There is no guarantee that we could then acquire it; the domain would likely be bought out by a commercial, profit-seeking enterprise unrelated to the Boost project. The consequences would be harmful for everyone who uses and contributes to Boost, as the website is integral to how we distribute the libraries to users and collaborate on improvements.

Currently the domain is owned by a holding company in Beman's name, and the company is part of the estate. I would ask if you could assist by selling the domain name to The C++ Alliance (<https://cppalliance.org>), a non-profit for which I serve on the board of directors. The Alliance has raised substantial financial support and has the resources, staff, and desire to take ownership of the domain and manage it competently to ensure it is always available and well supported on behalf of the Boost project in a manner consistent with Beman's vision. This won't be a burden for you, as we'll handle all estate tasks and transfer paperwork, including the costs.

We'd like to compensate you in the amount of \$32,000 as a token of our appreciation for the project and Beman's leadership of it. This can be a direct payment to you, a donation to the charity of your choice, or however you'd like it disbursed.

The C++ Alliance devotes almost all of its resources to supporting Boost; we've been working for over two years to build a brand new website to replace the existing one, which has become outdated. It still needs some polish before we are ready for the switch, but you can see the work here:

<https://www.boost.io/docs/>.

The Boost C++ Libraries felt the loss of Beman's leadership deeply, and there are still hundreds of existing and new contributors who are working to keep the flame alive. As stewards of the boost.org domain we will ensure that the registration never lapses, the domain will always be used to support the Boost project, the website and services will always be available to the community, so that the project which Beman founded will never die.

Warmest Regards,



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