

**John Nemmers:**

- 1) You wish to bring in a broad range of participants for surveying; however, all the members of the planning team represent academic institutions. What are your plans for involving other types of participants in the planning process?

Each of the academic institutions (UF, USF, FIU and UM) will identify potential partners in their regions and solicit their participation throughout the planning process. These participants will be a diverse representative sample of museums, libraries, archives, historical societies and similar repositories. For the planning meeting in Miami, FIU and UM will invite representatives from the Miami-Dade region to participate. Prior to and following this meeting, UF and USF will consult with local partners in St. Augustine and Tampa to ensure that they have input in the planning process.

- 2) How did you choose these SUS institutions?

Both FIU and USF participated in the original Ephemeral Cities project funded by IMLS, and both use the SobekCM system. Like UF, FIU has a strong interest in the combination of GIS and digital collections, and currently is using SobekCM in completing the [Coral Gable Virtual History](#) project. USF has a large network of regional collaborators on the Gulf Coast, and has rich holdings in oral histories and the Florida Studies Collection. Both institutions also are partners in the Digital Library of the Caribbean, which could serve as the model for the project or projects to be planned. Finally, Miami and Tampa are logical choices for a project focusing on the growth of Florida, its diverse cultures, and the evolution of its major cities.