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Subject: Re: AGI R&D Proposal
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ill do the 45k, of course. and please ping me again in two weeks re full program

On Mon, Dec 2, 2013 at 6:44 AM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:
.. this version has a typo fixed ;p ...

On Mon, Dec 2, 2013 at 7:40 PM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> Hi Jeffrey,

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> Attached find a research proposal such as we discussed.

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> Please let me know when you'd like to talk next; I can make myself

> available anytime for this, but late morning or early evening your

> time works ideally given the time zone differences...

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> As you'll see, I decided to take up your invitation to "think big" ...

> this is a full fledged proposal "from here to AGI", with lots of

> exciting incremental progress along the way...

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> I hope you'll be able to take the time to read it over ;)

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> Of course it would be AWESOME to start a project like this

> full-speed-ahead sometime soon !! ... I'd be happy to discuss that

> with you at any time...

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> As you'll see, the project as I conceive it is neatly divided into

> modular teams, so it could be done as one big co-located team, or it

> could be done via a group of interacting teams at different locations

> (including some in university labs, fitting with your general funding

> M.O. of supporting university labs)...

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> OTOH if that sort of "AGI Brooklyn Project" style initiative is too

> much for you to bite off at the moment, I would still VERY much value

> help meeting the \$45K obligation for the 10% "Corporate Sponsorship"

> of my 2014 "10 AI programmer" Hong Kong R&D grant. This will help us

> get OpenCog to do cool enough stuff that you will have an easier time

> getting interest from others in the broader proposal.... For

> instance, I'm pretty sure that during 2014 we can get OpenCog to

> demonstrate a capability for deception in the game world ;)

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> I recall you mentioned in our conversation that you think I should

> "be somewhere." I guess you mean at some US institution. I am

> pretty open to relocating anywhere if this relocation is part of a

> major AGI funding/R&D initiative. On the other hand, here I have

> managed to get the gov't to allocate me \$\$ for AGI programmers, which

> is nice. One possibility, if you're agreeable, would be for you to

> fund me to have a research professorship at Hong Kong Poly U, which is
> where the OpenCog programmers here are situated. That way I could
> spend the bulk of my time on OpenCog AGI work, which would be
> great.... Of course that is not as good as having the full fledged
> AGI project funded, but it would let me work better toward getting
> OpenCog to do cool stuff that will help attract funding for the larger
> project...

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> Anyway you get the idea... hope we can talk soon...

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> -- Ben

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> Ben Goertzel, PhD

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