Overview

- The goal of the Kuali Open Library Environment (OLE) Partnership is to define a next-generation technology environment for academic libraries based on a thoroughly re-examined model of library business operations.
- Kuali OLE intends to deliver an enterprise-ready, community source software package for academic and research libraries and a governance model in which the entire library community can collaborate to own and govern the resulting intellectual property.
- **Timeline:** The overall release cycle for Kuali OLE will run July 2010-July 2012 with a first round test release in July 2011 and a release of Kuali OLE 1.0 scheduled for July 2012.
- **Funding:** Kuali OLE will be made possible by generous contributions of the Kuali OLE Founding Partners ([http://kuali.org/ole/partners](http://kuali.org/ole/partners)). The initial two-year development cycle of Kuali OLE (2010-2012) will be made possible with additional funding from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
- **Background:** Kuali OLE has its beginnings in the Open Library Environment Project (OLE), a planning project funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for 2008-2009 that investigated the scope, scale, governance, and community building opportunities involved in developing an open source software management system specifically designed to meet the needs of the academic and research library community. For additional information: [http://kuali.org/ole/overview](http://kuali.org/ole/overview)

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