The aim of this questionnaire is to iterate on the content of the tasks
in the workpackage ALBiUS in order to make sure a consistent overall project
planning can be maintained.

Task: WP6 - Task 2.3 - Calibration of astrometric positions

Leading Institute: University of Bordeaux

Local Leader: P. Charlot

Objective or Use Case:
Develop algorithms/observing strategies to combine wide-angle (global) VLBI astrometry
with narrow-angle (local) VLBI astrometry, i.e. combine group delays and phases, to produce
improved, denser and unified reference frames.

Major milestone:
Final report on new algorithms and observing strategies for astrometry - Month 28

Minor milestones:
To be developed in the coming weeks.
Contributing institutes (total man-months)
     Bordeaux: 21
     JIVE: 3
     UMAN: 3
       NRAO: to be discussed

Platform/strategic choices:
Platform not yet defined
Applicable to EVN, e-EVN, VLBA, global VLBI, e-MERLIN

Identified manpower:
P. Charlot, 1 postdoc (to be hired), S. Garrington, H. van Langevelde (or anyone else from JIVE), E.
Fomalont

Any other issues:
11/06/09: matching funds would be granted by the Region (Conseil Regional d'Aquitaine). Will be confirmed
in September 2009.
20/07/09: will meet Ed Fomalont in Socorro to discuss the level and details of NRAO involvement
01/09/09: expected start of work