# USABILITY TESTING

UPDATES FROM THE WORKING GROUP

# **UPDATES**

- Global Search (Not Regional)
- Today, we have proposals from LebsonTech & Lorrie Cranor
- Based on input, we are sending out RFP's from 6
  Additional UX Research firms
- Recommendations Welcome!
- FTC Report Called out importance of short notices, icons, and usability testing

# **ANSWER LAB**

- SF & NYC
- Great mobile experience
- Client list including many of the companies represented here: Amazon, Intuit, Google, Facebook, Microsoft, Paypal and Yahoo!

## **CLEAR WORKS**

- SF, Dallas, Atlanta, Baltimore Offices
- Full Service Marketing Firm With Specialty in Usability Testing
- Clients include: Adobe, Apple, Dell, Symantec, and T-Mobile

#### **MOB4HIRE**

- SF-Based with Unfortunate Name
- Mobile Specific
- Has it's own test community
- Provides its own tools and offers consulting on building test plans using their tools and community
- Many Startup Clients and bigger players like VeriSign and Shazam

# **USABILITY SCIENCES**

- Irving, Texas
- Great history in mobile
- Developed their own mobile usability testing solutions
- Clients Include: ADP, Bank of America, Capital One, Cisco, Microsoft, Oracle, Salesforce, Volkswagen

## **USER CENTRIC**

- International usability and user experience research firm
- Chicago-based, International Footprint
  - Part of UX Alliance
- 50+ global projects with partners across the globe
  - Microsoft, Paypal, Nokia, Yahoo!, Motorola
- Great Mobile Experience

# RECOMMENDATION

**Discuss Our Goals** – It appears that we are heading toward a flexible approach toward the actual display layer. If so, we might want to focus our testing only on the standard elements of the display.