APPENDIX B

LABORX PLATFORM DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

A Decentralised Labour Exchange for the ChronoBank Ecosystem

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1. Executive Summary

1.1 Vision Statement

ChronoBank proposes to develop LaborX, a decentralised labour exchange platform that will enable peer-to-peer exchange of labour services with payment in Labour-Hour Tokens (LHT). LaborX represents the practical realisation of ChronoBank's core mission: tokenising labour-hours to create a stable, inflation-resistant digital store of value.

1.2 Core Value Proposition

LaborX will address fundamental inefficiencies in the global freelance economy by providing:

- **Smart contract escrow** that eliminates payment disputes and builds trust between parties
- **Cryptocurrency payments** that enable instant, borderless compensation without traditional banking friction
- **On-chain reputation** that provides transparent, immutable records of work history
- **Decentralised dispute resolution** that reduces platform dependency and arbitrary decisions
- **Reduced platform fees** compared to existing centralised freelance marketplaces

1.3 Technical Approach

As described in the Updated White Paper, LaborX will be deployed on a dedicated sidechain to achieve the performance and cost characteristics required for a high-volume labour marketplace:

> *"LaborX will be deployed in sidechain which its effective consensus, high performance, low-cost transactions and a progressive reward algorithm for block mining."*

The sidechain will utilise Proof of Stake (PoS) consensus, with validators staking TIME tokens or other ERC20 tokens through the TimeHolder contract. This approach enables:

- High transaction throughput unconstrained by Ethereum mainnet limitations
- Low-cost transactions suitable for micro-payments
- Validator rewards in LHT for network participants
- Security through staking and fraud detection mechanisms

1.4 Request for Approval

Upon approval by TIME token holders, the ChronoBank development team will proceed with LaborX sidechain development, platform construction, and ecosystem integration as detailed in this proposal.

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2. Market Opportunity

2.1 The Global Freelance Economy (2017 Data)

The freelance economy represents a significant and growing segment of the global workforce:

United States Market

- Freelancers contributed approximately $1.4 trillion to the US economy in 2017
- An estimated 57.3 million Americans engaged in freelance work (36% of the workforce)
- 47% of millennials participate in freelance work
- Projections suggest a majority of the US workforce will freelance by 2027

Global Trends

- Remote work enabled by internet connectivity is expanding the global talent pool
- Skilled workers in developing economies can now compete globally
- Platform-mediated work is growing faster than traditional employment in many sectors

2.2 Current Platform Limitations

Existing freelance platforms suffer from structural issues that blockchain technology can address:

High Platform Fees

Platform	Client Fee	Freelancer Fee	Total
Upwork	0-3%	5-20%	5-23%
Fiverr	Varies	20%	~20%

Platform	Client Fee	Freelancer Fee	Total
Freelancer.com	3%	10%	13%

These fees significantly reduce value captured by workers and increase costs for clients.

Payment Friction

- International payments via traditional banking take 3-5 business days
- Wire transfer fees range from $25-50 per transaction
- Currency conversion adds 2-4% in hidden costs
- Minimum withdrawal thresholds lock up earned funds
- Platform holds create cash flow challenges for freelancers

Centralised Control

- Platforms can suspend accounts without recourse
- Dispute resolution is opaque and often perceived as arbitrary
- Terms of service changes can disadvantage users
- Platform failure or exit leaves users without recourse

Reputation Lock-In

- Reputation is platform-specific and non-portable
- Changing platforms means starting reputation from zero
- Creates artificial switching costs that benefit platforms over users

2.3 The Blockchain Opportunity

Blockchain technology enables a fundamentally different approach to freelance marketplaces:

Smart Contract Escrow

Funds are locked programmatically at contract signing and released automatically upon work acceptance, eliminating:

- Payment default risk for freelancers
- Advance payment risk for clients
- Platform custody of funds during work period

Cryptocurrency Payments

LHT and ETH payments enable:

- Near-instant settlement (minutes vs days)

- Minimal transaction fees
- No currency conversion (single global currency)
- No banking infrastructure required

Immutable Reputation

On-chain reputation records provide:

- Verifiable work history
- Portable reputation across platforms
- Fraud-resistant ratings
- Transparent methodology

Decentralised Architecture

Reduced dependency on any single entity provides:

- Censorship resistance
- No single point of failure
- User-controlled data
- Open ecosystem for innovation

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3. Platform Vision and Features

3.1 Core Feature Set

LaborX will provide a comprehensive platform for peer-to-peer labour exchange:

Feature	Description
Job Marketplace	Post jobs, browse freelancers, search by skill and rating
Smart Contract Escrow	Funds locked at contract signing, released on work acceptance
Reputation Module	On-chain reputation with comprehensive history tracking
Dispute Resolution	User-proposed or platform-provided mediators
Crypto Payments	LHT as primary currency, ETH supported on mainnet

3.2 Job Marketplace

For Clients

- Create detailed job postings with requirements and budget
- Browse and search freelancer profiles by skill, rating, and availability
- Invite specific freelancers to apply for jobs
- Review proposals and select candidates
- Manage multiple active contracts

For Freelancers

- Create comprehensive profiles showcasing skills and portfolio
- Browse and filter available jobs by category, budget, and requirements
- Submit proposals with custom quotes and timelines
- Track active contracts and deliverables
- Receive payments directly to wallet

Categories

Initial categories will focus on digital services deliverable remotely:

- Software Development
- Design and Creative
- Writing and Content
- Marketing and Sales
- Administrative Support
- Professional Services

3.3 Smart Contract Escrow System

The escrow system is fundamental to building trust between parties who may have no prior relationship:

Contract Flow

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 1. Job Posted
    └── Client posts job with requirements and budget

2. Proposal Accepted
    └── Client selects freelancer and terms are agreed

3. Funds Deposited
    └── Client deposits agreed amount to escrow contract
    └── Funds are locked and visible to both parties

4. Work Period
    └── Freelancer completes work
    └── Communication occurs through platform
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    └── Milestones may trigger partial releases

5. Submission
    └── Freelancer submits completed work
    └── Client reviews deliverables

6. Resolution
    ├── Accepted: Funds released to freelancer
    ├── Revision Requested: Work continues
    └── Disputed: Arbitration process initiated
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Escrow Contract Functions

The escrow smart contract will support:

- Single payment contracts
- Milestone-based payments with multiple release triggers
- Time-based contracts with periodic payments
- Partial releases and refunds
- Dispute initiation and resolution integration

Security Guarantees

- Neither party can unilaterally withdraw funds during active contract
- Funds are released only upon mutual agreement or dispute resolution
- In case of platform unavailability, users can interact directly with contracts
- Emergency release mechanisms for extreme circumstances

3.4 Reputation Module

As described in the White Paper:

> *"LaborX will incorporate a rating system whereby holders of LHT*
> *can identify fair trades by examining the quality and/or specialisation*
> *of the labour provider, given their history on the platform."*

Reputation Components

Component	Description
Work History	Number and value of completed contracts
Client Ratings	Ratings received from clients (1-5 stars)
Completion Rate	Percentage of contracts completed successfully
Response Time	Average time to respond to messages and proposals

Component	Description
Specialisations	Verified skills and certifications
Tenure	Time since account creation

On-Chain Storage

Reputation data will be stored on the LaborX sidechain with:

- Immutable record of all completed contracts
- Verifiable rating history
- Fraud-resistant through cryptographic proofs
- Portable to other platforms that integrate with the sidechain

Reputation Calculation

A weighted algorithm will combine factors into an overall reputation score:

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Reputation Score = w1(Ratings) + w2(Completion) + w3(Volume) + w4(Tenure)

Where weights (w1-w4) are determined through governance
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3.5 Dispute Resolution

Disputes are inevitable in any marketplace. LaborX will provide fair, transparent dispute resolution:

Resolution Options

1. **Direct Resolution**: Parties communicate and resolve directly
2. **User-Proposed Mediator**: Either party can propose a third-party mediator
3. **Platform Mediators**: LaborX provides trained mediators for complex cases

Dispute Process

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1. Dispute Initiated
   └── Either party initiates within dispute window

2. Evidence Submission
   └── Both parties submit evidence and arguments
   └── Communication logs are available

3. Mediation
   ├── Mediator reviews evidence
   ├── May request additional information
   └── Decision rendered
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4. Resolution
   └── Funds distributed per mediator decision
   └── Reputation updated accordingly
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Mediator Incentives

- Mediators stake tokens as security deposit
- Receive fees for completed mediations
- Reputation score based on appeal rate and feedback
- Bad actors lose stake and access

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4. Technical Architecture

4.1 Sidechain Design Rationale

Ethereum mainnet faces limitations that make it unsuitable for a high-volume labour marketplace:

Mainnet Limitations

Constraint	Impact
~15 TPS throughput	Congestion during high activity
Variable gas prices	Unpredictable transaction costs
15+ second finality	Poor user experience
High gas costs	Micro-payments economically unviable

Sidechain Benefits

By deploying LaborX on a dedicated sidechain, we achieve:

- **High Performance**: Thousands of transactions per second capacity
- **Low Cost**: Transaction fees measured in fractions of cents
- **Fast Finality**: Sub-second confirmation times
- **Predictable Costs**: Stable, low transaction fees

4.2 LaborX Sidechain Specifications

As specified in the Updated White Paper:

> *"There is no PoW in sidechain - but there is PoS."*

Consensus Mechanism: Proof of Stake

Parameter	Specification
Consensus	Proof of Stake (PoS)
Block Time	Target 3-5 seconds
Validators	Staked token holders
Mining Rewards	LHT tokens
Slashing	Deposit forfeiture for fraud

The PoS consensus mechanism provides:

- Energy efficiency compared to Proof of Work
- Economic security through staking
- Fast block times for good user experience
- Alignment between validators and network health

4.3 Validator Requirements and Incentives

Becoming a Validator

From the White Paper:

> *"To start mining there is a need to make a deposit in TimeHolder. Deposits can be opened in Time or any other ERC20 token."*

Requirements:

1. Deposit TIME or other ERC20 tokens to TimeHolder contract on Ethereum mainnet
2. Run a validator node with the account private key
3. Maintain node uptime and connectivity
4. Process transactions honestly

Validator Incentives

> *"LHT will be mined on LaborX sidechain. The miners (validators) will receive LHT for the work of their nodes."*

Validators receive:

- LHT block rewards according to progressive reward algorithm
- Transaction fees from processed transactions
- Priority in validator selection based on stake size

Slashing Conditions

> *"Deposit will play a role of a warranty to provide protection from faulty states and fraud it will be lost by unfair validator once the fraud is detected."*

Validators lose their deposit if:

- Submitting invalid blocks
- Double-signing conflicting blocks
- Extended downtime (configurable threshold)
- Colluding to manipulate consensus

4.4 Mainnet-Sidechain Bridge

The LaborX sidechain maintains connection to Ethereum mainnet for security and interoperability:

Cross-Chain Operations

Operation	Description
Deposit to Sidechain	Lock assets on mainnet, credit on sidechain
Withdraw to Mainnet	Burn on sidechain, release on mainnet
State Commitments	Periodic sidechain state published to mainnet
Fraud Proofs	Invalid state transitions challengeable on mainnet

TimeHolder Integration

The TimeHolder contract on Ethereum mainnet serves multiple purposes:

- Holds TIME deposits for governance voting
- Holds validator stakes for sidechain consensus
- Tracks deposit amounts for validator selection
- Manages slashing of malicious validators

Asset Bridge

Future development will enable:

> *"It is also planned to add the possibility of exchanging LHT for ERC20 tokens or ETH in mainnet."*

This will allow:

- LHT withdrawal to mainnet as ERC20 token
- Exchange between LHT and ETH
- Integration with TimeX and other exchanges

4.5 Smart Contract Architecture

Ethereum Mainnet Contracts

Contract	Function
TimeHolder	Manages TIME deposits for voting and validator staking
Bridge	Handles cross-chain asset transfers
BuyBack	Provides LHT value stability mechanism

LaborX Sidechain Contracts

Contract	Function
JobFactory	Creates and manages job postings
Escrow	Holds funds during active contracts
Reputation	Stores and calculates reputation scores
Dispute	Manages dispute initiation and resolution
Mediation	Coordinates mediator assignment and decisions

Contract Interactions

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Client                        Escrow                  Freelancer
  |                             |                          |
  |------ deposit() ------->|                          |
  |                             |                          |
  |                             |<--- accept() ------|
  |                             |                          |
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   |                           |<--- submit() ------|
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   |------ approve() ------->|                    |
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   |                           |---- release() ---->|
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5. Labour-Hour Token (LHT) Economics

5.1 Design Philosophy

From the White Paper:

> *"Labour-Hour Token (LHT) is the fundamental unit of value within the ChronoBank system. The purpose of it is to provide a non-volatile, inflationary-resistant digital store of value."*

LHT is designed to maintain stable purchasing power over time, making it suitable for labour payments where both parties need predictable value.

5.2 Value Stability Mechanism

BuyBack Contract

The BuyBack contract provides a floor price for LHT:

• ChronoBank maintains reserves to purchase LHT at floor price
• Reduces downside volatility compared to typical cryptocurrencies
• Floor price adjusts based on labour-hour value in target economies
• Creates confidence for users to hold and transact in LHT

Labour-Hour Pegging

LHT value is conceptually pegged to average unskilled labour-hour value:

• Provides intuitive value reference for users
• Natural inflation adjustment (wages rise with inflation)
• Regional variants possible for different labour markets

5.3 LHT Utility on LaborX

Use Case	Description
Payment Currency	Primary payment for completed work

Use Case	Description
Escrow Collateral	Locked in contracts during active jobs
Transaction Fees	Gas-equivalent for sidechain transactions
Validator Rewards	Block rewards for sidechain validators
Dispute Stakes	Collateral for dispute initiation

5.4 LHT Distribution via Mining

From the White Paper:

> *"LHT will be mined on LaborX sidechain. The miners (validators) will receive LHT for the work of their nodes."*

Mining Mechanics

- New LHT created as block rewards
- Distributed to validators proportional to stake
- Progressive reward algorithm (details TBD through governance)
- No pre-mine beyond initial distribution

Staking Requirements

> *"To start mining there is a need to make a deposit in TimeHolder. Deposits can be opened in Time or any other ERC20 token."*

Minimum stake requirements will be determined based on:

- Security requirements (cost of attack)
- Accessibility (enabling smaller participants)
- Network decentralisation goals

5.5 Token Flow Diagram

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                    Ethereum Mainnet
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      │    TimeHolder ◄─────  TIME/ERC20 Deposits    │
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      │        │ Stake Verification              │
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      │    Bridge Contract ◄────► Asset Transfers    │
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         |   |(Stakers)  |   |Rewards    |    Rewards |
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         |                                            |
         |   ┌───────────┐   ┌───────────┐            |
         |   |Job        |──▶|Escrow     |──▶ Payment |
         |   |Contracts  |   |Contracts  |    Release |
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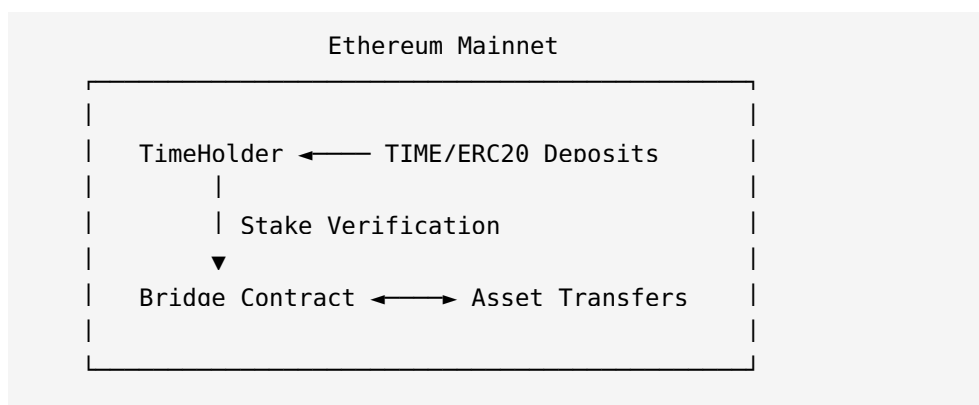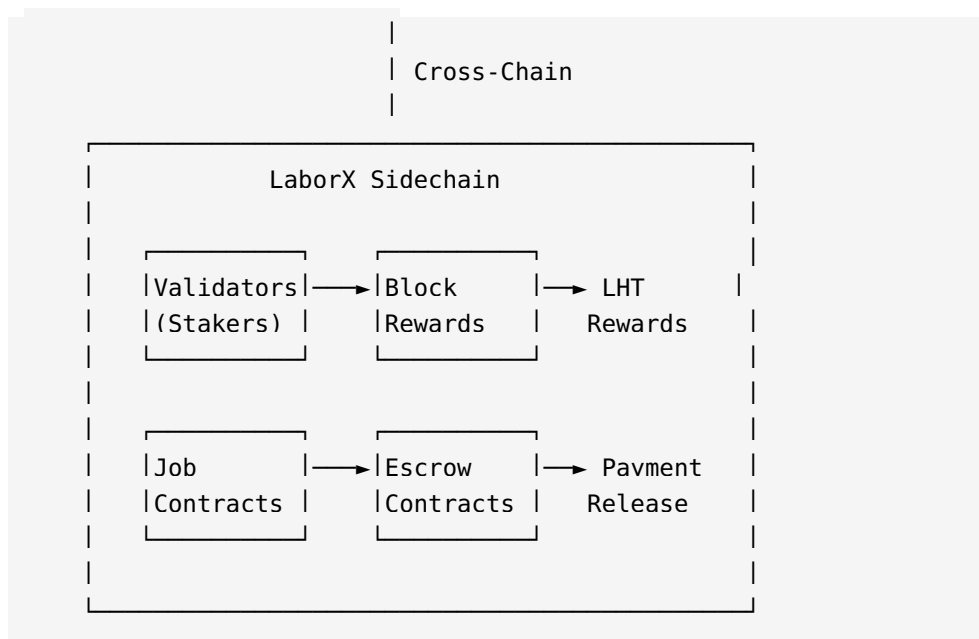
6. Governance and Stakeholder Benefits

6.1 TIME Token Holder Benefits

TIME token holders play a central role in the LaborX ecosystem:

Governance Rights

- Vote on platform decisions and parameter changes
- Influence feature prioritisation
- Participate in dispute resolution policy decisions
- Approve significant protocol upgrades

Validator Participation

From the White Paper:

> *"To start mining there is a need to make a deposit in TimeHolder."*

TIME holders can:

- Stake TIME tokens to become validators
- Earn LHT rewards for honest validation
- Participate in sidechain consensus
- Support network security

Economic Alignment

- LaborX adoption increases demand for LHT

• LHT mining rewards flow to TIME stakers
• Platform success benefits TIME token holders
• Incentive alignment between stakeholders

6.2 Platform Fee Structure

LaborX will maintain competitive fees while ensuring platform sustainability:

Fee Type	Rate	Comparison
Platform Fee	5-10%	vs 15-25% on existing platforms
Payment Processing	Near-zero	vs 3-5% for traditional payments
Dispute Filing	Refundable stake	Discourages frivolous disputes

Exact fee structure will be determined through governance with community input.

6.3 Alignment with ChronoBank Mission

LaborX directly advances ChronoBank's core vision:

Labour Tokenisation Realised

• Practical utility for Labour-Hour Tokens
• Real economic activity denominated in LHT
• Demonstrates blockchain applicability to labour markets

Ecosystem Growth

• LaborX users become LHT holders
• Increased LHT circulation and liquidity
• Network effects benefit all ChronoBank products

Decentralisation Progress

• Reduces dependency on centralised platforms
• Empowers workers and clients globally
• Demonstrates viable alternative to extractive platforms

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7. Development Roadmap

Phase 1: Foundation (Q1-Q2 2018)

Objectives

- Finalise sidechain architecture design
- Develop core smart contracts
- Build TimeHolder integration
- Begin platform backend development

Deliverables

Deliverable	Target Date
Sidechain specification	April 2018
Core contract development	May 2018
TimeHolder staking integration	June 2018
Validator node software (alpha)	June 2018

Phase 2: Core Platform (Q3-Q4 2018)

Objectives

- Build job marketplace MVP
- Implement escrow contracts
- Develop reputation system
- Launch private beta

Deliverables

Deliverable	Target Date
Job marketplace MVP	August 2018
Escrow contract integration	September 2018
Reputation module	October 2018
Private beta launch	November 2018

Phase 3: Public Launch (2019)

Objectives

- Launch mainnet sidechain
- Open public platform access
- Implement dispute resolution
- Scale user acquisition

Deliverables

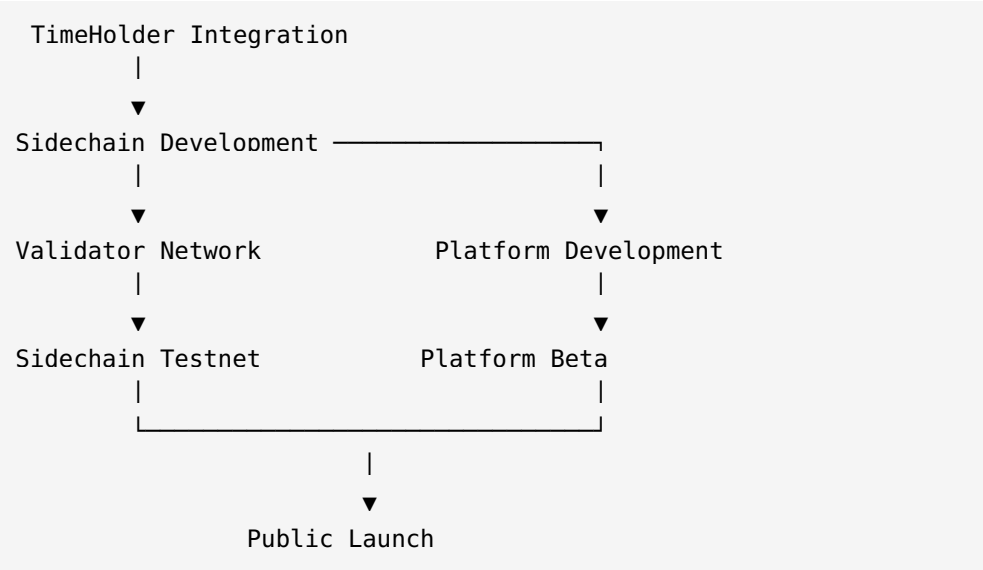| Deliverable	Target Date
Sidechain mainnet	Q1 2019
Public platform launch	Q1 2019
Dispute resolution system	Q2 2019
Mobile applications	Q2 2019

Phase 4: Expansion (2019-2020)

Objectives

- Multi-language platform support
- Mobile application development
- Additional job categories
- Potential multi-blockchain expansion

Deliverables

Deliverable	Target Date
Multi-language support	Q3 2019
iOS and Android apps	Q4 2019
Expanded categories	2020
Additional blockchain integration	2020

Milestone Dependencies

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 TimeHolder Integration
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Sidechain Development ──────────────────┐
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Validator Network          Platform Development
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Sidechain Testnet           Platform Beta
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                    Public Launch
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8. Team and Resource Requirements

8.1 Core Team Positions

Technical Leadership

Role	Responsibilities
Lead Blockchain Architect	Sidechain design, consensus implementation
Lead Platform Engineer	Marketplace backend, API development
Lead Frontend Engineer	Web and mobile interfaces

Development Team

Role	Count	Responsibilities
Blockchain Developer	3	Sidechain, validator software, bridges
Smart Contract Developer	2	Escrow, reputation, dispute contracts
Backend Engineer	3	Platform services, APIs, database

Role	Count	Responsibilities
Frontend Engineer	2	Web interface, mobile applications
QA Engineer	2	Testing, quality assurance

Operations and Support

Role	Count	Responsibilities
DevOps Engineer	2	Infrastructure, deployment, monitoring
Customer Support	3+	User assistance, dispute support
Community Manager	1	User engagement, feedback collection

8.2 External Resources

Security Auditors

- Smart contract audits for escrow and financial contracts
- Sidechain consensus security review
- Penetration testing for platform infrastructure

Legal Counsel

- Labour law compliance in key jurisdictions
- Platform terms of service
- Dispute resolution legal framework

8.3 Infrastructure Requirements

Sidechain Infrastructure

- Geographically distributed validator nodes
- Blockchain data storage and archival
- RPC endpoints for application access
- Monitoring and alerting systems

Platform Infrastructure

- Application servers (auto-scaling)
- Database clusters (high availability)
- CDN for static content
- DDoS protection

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9. Risk Assessment and Mitigation

9.1 Technical Risks

Sidechain Security

Risk: Novel consensus implementation may have undiscovered vulnerabilities.

Mitigation: - Conservative consensus parameter selection - Extensive testnet period before mainnet - Bug bounty program for consensus code - Multiple independent security audits - Gradual increase in economic value on chain

Smart Contract Vulnerabilities

Risk: Escrow or reputation contracts may contain bugs leading to fund loss or manipulation.

Mitigation: - Formal verification of critical contracts - Multiple audit rounds - Gradual deployment with value limits - Emergency pause mechanisms - Insurance fund for critical failures

Scalability

Risk: User growth may exceed sidechain capacity.

Mitigation: - Designed for high throughput from inception - Horizontal scaling through sharding (future) - Rate limiting and prioritisation - Capacity monitoring and planning

9.2 Market Risks

Competition

Risk: Established platforms (Upwork, Fiverr) may adopt blockchain features or reduce fees.

Mitigation: - First-mover advantage in blockchain-native freelancing - Structural cost advantages enable lower fees - Feature differentiation (true decentralisation) - Community-driven development

Cryptocurrency Adoption

Risk: Freelancers and clients may resist cryptocurrency payments.

Mitigation: - User education and onboarding support - Fiat on/off ramps through partner integrations - Stable value of LHT reduces volatility concerns - Demonstrate clear benefits (speed, cost, access)

Network Effects

Risk: Insufficient initial liquidity (jobs or freelancers) creates poor experience.

Mitigation: - Incentive programs for early adopters - Strategic partnerships with freelancer communities - Focus on specific niches before expanding - Cross-promotion with ChronoBank community

9.3 Regulatory Risks

Labour Law Compliance

Risk: Regulatory scrutiny on platform labour classification and obligations.

Mitigation: - Legal review in key jurisdictions - Clear terms defining independent contractor relationships - Compliance tooling for users (invoicing, records) - Engagement with relevant regulators

Cryptocurrency Regulations

Risk: Evolving regulations may restrict LHT usage or require licensing.

Mitigation: - Monitor regulatory developments globally - Flexible architecture for compliance features - Legal reserves for licensing if required - Geographic flexibility in operations

9.4 Operational Risks

Dispute Volume

Risk: High dispute rates may overwhelm resolution capacity and create user frustration.

Mitigation: - Clear contract templates reduce ambiguity - Reputation system incentivises good behaviour - Scalable mediator network - Automated resolution for clear-cut cases

Platform Abuse

Risk: Fraudulent users, spam, or manipulation may degrade platform quality.

Mitigation: - Verification requirements for participation - Reputation penalties for bad behaviour - Stake requirements that raise attack costs - Community moderation mechanisms

10. Request for Approval

10.1 Summary

ChronoBank respectfully requests TIME token holder approval to proceed with the development of LaborX, a decentralised labour exchange platform built on a dedicated Proof of Stake sidechain, as described in this proposal and the Updated White Paper.

10.2 What Approval Authorises

Approval of this proposal authorises the ChronoBank Entity to:

1. Develop and deploy the LaborX sidechain as specified
2. Implement the Proof of Stake consensus mechanism with TimeHolder integration
3. Build and launch the LaborX platform with described features
4. Issue LHT as validator rewards according to the progressive reward algorithm
5. Allocate development resources and engage necessary contractors
6. Enter into commercial arrangements supporting platform launch

10.3 Endorsements Sought

By approving this proposal, TIME token holders endorse:

• The sidechain architecture approach for scalability
• LHT as the primary platform currency
• The validator staking mechanism via TimeHolder
• The development priorities and timeline outlined herein

10.4 Commitments

Upon approval, ChronoBank commits to:

• Regular progress updates to the TIME token holder community
• Transparent development process with community input opportunities
• Security-first approach with multiple audit rounds
• Governance participation for significant platform decisions
• Accountability for milestone delivery and resource utilisation

10.5 Accountability

The ChronoBank team acknowledges that LaborX represents a significant undertaking with inherent development risks. While this proposal does not guarantee specific outcomes or timelines, the team commits to pursuing the project with diligence and in good faith towards the vision described herein.

Success will be measured by:

- Technical milestones achieved
- User adoption and activity metrics
- Platform reliability and security
- Community satisfaction and feedback

Document End

This proposal forms part of the materials submitted for the TIME Token Holder Vote on the Updated ChronoBank White Paper, February 2018.