

# Memo

To: State Library Commissioners  
From: Karen Strege  
Date: 12/19/2007  
Re: LSTA Reauthorization

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Again, this year, I had hoped that we could present a current federal fiscal year budget to you at your December meeting. However, even though Congress and the President have reauthorized the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), Congress has not yet considered the budget bill. Like last year, the Institute for Museum and Library Services has offered all states a one-quarter "draw" on fiscal year 2004 funds. We have requested these funds. Our current projects and MSL operations have sufficient funding, either 2003 LSTA funds or general funds, for the next few months.

I do not know when Congress will act upon the budget bill. Nor do I know what amount of federal funds MSL will receive. As you may remember, state libraries requested a significant increase in funds. If Congress delays action until January, we may have to ask the Commission to hold a special meeting to approval all or a partial budget. We may be able to wait until the regular February meeting. We will know more next month.