MEMO

TO: Montana State Library Network Advisory Council

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RE: Statewide Databases: Funding Gap for FY2011

FY2011 marks the second year of certain existing two-year contracts with Gale Cengage Learning and EBSCO, Inc. for statewide database subscriptions. Subscription periods as stated in each contract are:

Gale: terminates August 31, 2011
EBSCO Automobile Repair Resource: terminates August 31, 2011
EBSCO Beyond the Core: terminates August 31, 2010

Currently there is $317,497 available for funding statewide database subscriptions in FY2011, the same amount that was available in FY2010. The cost of the statewide subscriptions in FY10 exceeded that amount and a gap of $49,265 was covered using LSTA monies transferred from other projects which did not fully expend the monies assigned to them (the OCLC Group Services gap did not materialize and additional FY08 LSTA monies were identified to cover this gap).

These are the current FY2011 costs for the existing database subscriptions, if they were to be renewed for another year. *

Gale (InfoTrac): $287,500
EBSCO "beyond the core": (Small Engine Repair Reference Center, CINAHL with Full Text, Environment Complete): $64,260 + possible 2-5% increase for FY2011
EBSCO Auto Repair: $15,000
Estimated total (EBSCO "beyond the core" at no increase): $366,760
Legislative allocation for FY2011 (currently): $317,495

Gap: $49,265

- *Gale's Small Business Resource Center was added at no cost for one year (FY2010).

- *EBSCO's Career Library was purchased for one year (FY2010) with end of year coal tax monies and is a separate subscription, whose period terminates August 31, 2010

- *EBSCO includes the additional databases at no charge in the current statewide suite:

LISTA (Library, Information Science and Technology Abstracts)
Teacher Reference Center
GreenFILE

Some of many points to consider regarding these statewide databases:

Do we maintain the current database package and deal with identifying funds to cover the gap once again?

Do we trim the database package to eliminate the gap? There are several factors involved here that will merit serious discussion.

Do we begin an RFP process deploying a different strategy to meeting our statewide database needs?