

MEMO

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State Librarian

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Commission

FROM: Bob Cooper
Director of Statewide Library Resources
Chair, Network Advisory Council

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DATE: November 30, 2007

RE: Network Advisory Council Recommendation to
Purchase Additional Periodical Databases

The Network Advisory Council (Council) met on November 29, 2007, to review and evaluate five responses the State Library received to “Request For Proposal Number RFP08-1589P: Statewide Periodical and Reference Beyond the Core Subscriptions.” The intent of this RFP is to use remaining funds earmarked for periodical database subscriptions to obtain additional databases which supplement the core package of database subscriptions currently available to Montana libraries from Gale Cengage Learning. Council reviewers disqualified three RFP responses as “non-responsive” and moved forward in the evaluation process the two remaining respondents: EBSCO Industries, Inc. and Gale Cengage Learning, which resulted in the following recommendation:

The Network Advisory Council recommends that the State Library pursue a contract with EBSCO Industries, Inc. to provide Montana libraries with three additional online periodical databases: *CINAHL with Full Text*, *Environment Complete*, and *Small Engine Repair Reference Center*, at a total purchase price for all three databases of not more than \$64,260 for a 20-month statewide subscription from January 2, 2008 through August 30, 2009. The Council has communicated to State Library staff some items of interest to be included in the final contract negotiations should the State Librarian and the State Library Commission approve this recommendation.