

Memo

To: Network Advisory Council

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Re: OCLC Contract Recommendations

Background: Usage of OCLC services has changed over the last decade. We have one more year remaining with our current negotiated contract. We would like the NAC's recommendations on our services.

Currently, the OCLC Group Services contract provides unlimited access to original cataloging, copy cataloging, interlibrary loan, and FirstSearch for all subscribing libraries. Statistical data from the past three fiscal years suggests that while some libraries make regular use of some or all OCLC services, not all libraries need unlimited access to all OCLC services.

What ideas can the NAC provide for appropriately scaling the value of this contract so that subscribing libraries have the access they need but are not paying for unnecessary services? Should we identify where to reduce certain services or otherwise restructure how libraries access these services in order to reduce costs to individual libraries? Should we negotiate a different contract that more accurately reflects how OCLC is being used or offers different access models? What would that look like?