

AGENDA ITEM: Resource Libraries Program Development

GENERAL PROGRAM UPDATE:

At the November 2000 Board Meeting, staff reported on the Major Resource Libraries contacts meeting which had occurred in October, and on plans to develop potential program elements for board discussion and consideration. Staff had intended for a subset of the contacts to meet prior to the February Board Meeting to begin discussions on program direction and possible approaches to the program elements identified in October. Staff support for this program is to be provided by the Network Resources Consultant - a position yet to be filled.

Due to the lack of staff resources, the contacts subset has yet to be convened. Staff now has a list of contacts who have expressed interest in participating in this subgroup, and they are in the process of scheduling a meeting for early March 2001.

NEXT STEPS:

Staff and the resource libraries subgroup will identify several program areas which could be modeled as pilot programs, and poll the list to identify which program should be studied.

Staff and the resource libraries subgroup will develop program criteria and present the model to the Board for discussion and for potential funding as a pilot program.

RELATED ISSUES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE:

1. Update on development of the Resource Libraries component, including the development of possible pilots for testing elements of this program.
2. Consideration of models and pilots for funding the Resource Libraries program components.

Relevant Committee: Access Services

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