

MOBIUS ELECTRONIC RESOURCES PROJECT

Funding Request, FY 06

MOBIUS is a consortium of academic institutions in Missouri with 57 member colleges and universities. The largest single project for which MOBIUS is responsible is the Common Library Platform.

The MOBIUS Electronic Resources Project will provide more equitable access to a core collection of electronic databases for the students and faculty of Missouri institutions of higher education. This project would allow a student in a small college the same access to these full text journal articles as a student in a large university. A student would not be restricted in access to information because of the choice of schools to attend. If funded, over 225,000 students will have unlimited use of these resources 24 hours a day including off-campus and distance education students.

Lower prices are possible by purchasing full text electronic publications as a large group. The resources include (1) A scholarly and research-oriented business database, (2) A database covering news, legal, medical, business and reference material including full text coverage of magazines, journals, newsletters, newspapers, and various reference resources, and (3) full text psychology journals.

MOBIUS now offers 7 databases to member libraries to take advantage of group purchasing. All funding comes from member institutions. Only students whose institution can afford the cost benefit from this program. Currently there are 90 MOBIUS subscriptions through this project.

Many institutions, especially small colleges, are unable to purchase any significant additional electronic material because of limited library budgets. State funds are essential for MOBIUS to implement additional databases that would be available to all member institutions.

<u>Database Requests</u>	<u>Estimated cost</u>
1. ABI/INFORM Complete	\$438,053
2. LEXIS/NEXIS Academic	\$466,119
3. PsycARTICLES	<u>\$250,313</u>
	\$1,154,485

A brief description and justification of each resource requested follows.

ABI/INFORM Complete is a business database package made up of ABI/INFORM Global, ABI/INFORM Trade & Industry, and ABI/INFORM Dateline. Each database covers a different aspect of business information. ABI/INFORM Global with graphics is

a world-renowned database intended for academic libraries. It covers business and economic conditions, management techniques, and other topics in the theory and practice segment of business information. This database includes full text articles, images, and graphics from over 700 sources. It is also interdisciplinary providing information on such fields as health care management and educational administration.

ABI/INFORM Trade & Industry covers 700 periodicals and newsletters with a trade or industry focus. These titles provide users with the latest industry news, product and competitive information, marketing trends, and a wide variety of other topics in the trade and industry segment of business information. ABI/INFORM Dateline provides full text coverage of over 140 local and regional business publications. These titles provide news and analysis on many smaller local and regional companies, information on local markets, and more from the business news segment of business information.

Justification

- A MOBIUS Electronic Resource Committee (MERAC) survey ranked ABI/INFORM as #3 resource to buy and #7 as a core database.
- ABI/INFORM Global is an essential database for academic and scholarly research in all business fields.
- ABI/INFORM Dateline and Trade and Industry complement the Global component by providing very current product and marketing information and coverage of business news information for regional and local markets.

LEXIS/NEXIS Academic articles are available in full text, with a limited number available in abstract form. The service covers newspapers, magazines, wire services, federal and state court opinions, federal and state statutes, federal regulations, and SEC filings such as 10-K's, 10-Q's, and their exhibits. News information is updated daily and wire services several times daily. Research areas in Lexis/Nexis Academic Universe cover top news, general news topics, and news transcripts; foreign language news sources; company, industry, and market news; legal news; company financial information; general medical and health topics and medical abstracts; accounting, auditing, and tax information; law reviews; federal case law; U.S. Code; and state legal research.

Justification

- Lexis/Nexis Academic was the #1 resource to buy and the #1 resource for a core collection in the MERAC survey of MOBIUS libraries.
- Provides very current news information in all subject areas along with legal, medical, and other information. An affordable resource for legal information!
- A comprehensive database valuable for academic libraries of all sizes.

PsycARTICLES is an online database containing more than 31,000 searchable full text articles from 50 journals published by the American Psychological Association and allied organizations from 1988 to the present, with earlier years in production. The PsycARTICLES database covers general psychology and specialized basic, applied and theoretical research in psychology.

Justification for PsycARTICLES:

- PsycARTICLES provides wide coverage of full text literature in the field of psychology
- The MERAC survey report rank for PsycINFO, an abstracting and indexing database for the journals in third database, was #2 to buy and #5 as a core resource. This full text psychology database will strongly support the 19 MOBIUS libraries that subscribe to PsycINFO and provide full text resources to the other institutions.
- Psychology is ranked as the fourth most important subject area by MOBIUS libraries in the MERAC survey.
- Psychology journals have the highest number of article requests according to interlibrary loan statistics for OCLC, a worldwide library service.

*The MOBIUS Electronic Resources Advisory Committee (MERAC) conducted a needs assessment of 52 MOBIUS members in April 2001. Forty-five of fifty-two libraries responded. Among the questions asked were: 1) what should MOBIUS purchase and 2) what do you consider a “core collection” for all academic libraries.