

MERAC Talking Points

Intro: Renews Sept 1; We don't anticipate another member-funded database purchase. We now have Vendor Direct Program and Database Cafeteria Program.

Recommendation: MERAC recommends to the Executive Committee that MOBIUS renew the contract with ABC-CLIO for September 1, 2002 through August 2003 under the same conditions and pricing structure as the current contract year. We request the support of the Executive Committee and ask that this item be placed on the agenda of the next MOBIUS Council meeting.

(NOTE: This is our recommendation now but want to talk to all our cluster members.)

Deadlines: Jan 18 send cluster comments to Per palmquist@covenantseminary.edu

Per back MERAC 1/23

Packet Exec Committee Meeting 2/8 incorporating information as feedback from cluster surveys

Advantages

Price same no increase

Presents positive image to state legislature

Presents positive image to any grant funding agency

Usage is increasing, renewing 2d year gives the databases a chance to take root

Builds MOBIUS team spirit

Continuity with those who have become dependent on using it

Ramifications of not renewing:

Lose momentum toward cooperative database development that is one of the goals in the MOBIUS Long Range Plan.

Price will increase for all those who wish to continue subscribing to the databases.

Remove two core academic databases that support general education.

We would lose the only statewide academic databases specific to higher education.

Proposing that MOBIUS renew under the same conditions as next year. You have to pay same as last year.

Attach payment schedule