

Sole Source Purchase  
Journal and Content Aggregation Services  
UM

In accordance with the Collected Rules and Regulations 80.010, UM System requests approval on behalf of the Missouri Research and Education Network (MOREnet) for the sole source purchase of Journal & Content Aggregation Services, with EBSCO Industries, Inc., Ipswich, Massachusetts, for a total of \$2,648,967 for a three-year term.

MOREnet provides internet access, training, and support including content resources like EBSCO to the majority of the public and private higher education institutions, public schools, and public libraries in the State of Missouri. In addition, various State of Missouri agencies, private K-12 schools, and non-profits also utilize these services on a regular basis.

EBSCO is the only journal and content aggregator that can provide the breadth and depth of information needed to support the diverse needs of the MOREnet consortium, including peer reviewed journals critical for higher education members. These journals are only available through EBSCO.

EBSCO also provides a significant selection of full text periodical and reference content, as well as access to important education and career resources in the form of online practice tests, tutorials, and eBooks available through EBSCO's LearningExpress Library. LearningExpress Library provides the widest range of content on the market today, including twice as many eBooks as EBSCO's closest competitor. EBSCO is including a companion product "The Resume and Cover Letter Builder" at no additional cost to MOREnet and has offered MOREnet the "Computer Skills Tutorials" as an add-on product at a greatly reduced rate.

MOREnet has provided journal and content aggregation services for the MOREnet consortium for a number of years. Their services are in high demand throughout the State of Missouri as a huge beneficial offering for members whose budgets wouldn't otherwise allow them to purchase the level of services they are able to achieve through this agreement, as well as MOREnet's collaboration efforts to make it possible.

The total \$2,648,967.01 expenditure will be paid from the MOREnet Member Related Expense Account.

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Recommended Action - Sole Source – Journal and Content Aggregation Services,  
UM

It was recommended by Vice President Rapp, endorsed by President Choi,  
recommended by the Finance Committee, moved by Curator \_\_\_\_\_ and  
seconded by Curator \_\_\_\_\_, that the following action be approved:

that the UM System be authorized to purchase Journal & Content Aggregation  
Services from EBSCO Industries, Inc., Ispwich, Massachusetts, at a total cost of  
\$2,648,967 for a three-year term.

Funding is as follows:

MOREnet Member Related Expenses A2854 739850

Roll call vote Finance Committee YES NO

Curator Brncic  
Curator Chatman  
Curator Layman  
Curator Steelman

The motion \_\_\_\_\_.

Roll call vote Full Board: YES NO

Curator Brncic  
Curator Chatman  
Curator Farmer  
Curator Graham  
Curator Layman  
Curator Phillips  
Curator Snowden  
Curator Steelman  
Curator Sundvold

The motion \_\_\_\_\_.

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