NEW DECISION ITEM REQUEST

UNRESTRICTED EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL
FORM 5

Department:	**Higher Education Unrestricted**
Level 2	**University of Missouri System**
Level 3	**MOBIUS**
Decision Item Name:	One time purchase and ongoing maintenance
Decision Item Rank:	**1 of 1**

I. PURPOSE AND CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION IN REQUEST

The MOBIUS Consortium Office was founded in 1998 with its primary mission to develop and manage a single statewide library system available for use by all higher education institutions, both public and private institutions, and 2 year and 4 year institutions. This system is known as the Common Library Platform (CLP).

At its initiation the CLP allowed 50 of the state's public and private academic institutions to combine their library catalogs into one catalog containing 10 million items. Over the past 9 years this union catalog has grown to include over 20 million items from 62 institutions serving over 750,000 people from the higher education community and the state's populace.

The CLP creates a virtual collection of the more than 20 million items contained in the libraries of MOBIUS member institutions and creates a single user interface that allows patrons to request library materials using any personal computer in any location with access to the Internet. The MOBIUS Consortium Office also contracts for a delivery courier service to move library materials between member libraries; negotiates and manages contracts for electronic full text journals and books, electronic databases, and print materials. MOBIUS is supported entirely by member fees.

Millennium, the software used to run the Common Library Platform, is proprietary software developed by Innovative Interface Inc. As library users have become more conversant with the Internet they expect to find information more easily. Innovative has developed next generation library software which provides for improved Internet search capabilities, social networking, and the ability to customize interfaces to a richer array of content.

II. DESCRIPTION

The request is for the purchase, implementation, and maintenance of Encore, software which can be overlaid on the CLP to allow users to more easily locate and acquire resources owned by the MOBIUS Consortium member institutions. A 6 minute YouTube video on Encore, produced by Innovative Interfaces Inc., can be viewed at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qj_tMDbCs9M. In addition to displaying materials located in the CLP it will also display other electronic resources which have been purchased by libraries.

III. COST EXPLANATION

RECURRING FUNDS

PCS	FTE	Compensation	E&E	Total
Instruction				
Research				
Public Service				$1,985,300
Academic Support				
Student Services				
Institutional Support				
Operation & Maintenance of Plant				
Scholarships & Fellowships				
Total Improvements				**$1,985,300**

From State Appropriations **$**

ONE-TIME FUNDS

PCS	FTE	Compensation	E&E	Total
Instruction				
Research				
Public Service			$337,800	$337,800
Academic Support				
Student Services				

Institutional Support				
Operation & Maintenance of Plant				
Scholarships & Fellowships				
Total Improvements			**$337,800**	**$337,800**

From State Appropriations **$2,323,100**

IV. EVALUATION OF OUTCOMES

MOBIUS started with 50 libraries and have increased to 62 libraries. This cooperative program has widespread support from all member institutions and is a good investment in the future of higher education and the citizenry of Missouri. Missouri public and research libraries have approached MOBIUS for consideration of membership within the consortium.

Due to interruptions in MOBIUS operations during the past 2 years we are in the process of putting together metrics to refine use of the services, impact on local communities and academic institutions.