MOBIUS ELECTRONIC RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
MOBIUS COUNCIL
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- *America: History and Life* and *Historical Abstracts* databases were activated on August 22. The subscription start date was September 1, but ABC-CLIO made the databases available without charge for 10 days prior to the start date. Usage statistics will be made available monthly to each member.

- 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. Based on these results, MERAC recommended four electronic resources for a FY 03 funding request to the General Assembly:

Database Requests	**Estimated cost**
1. ABI/INFORM Complete	**$344,788**
2. LEXIS/NEXIS Academic Universe	**$381,000**
3. ProQuest Psychology Journals	**$163,610**
4. PsycARTICLES	**$188,064**
TOTAL	**$1,077,380**

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. It is also interdisciplinary providing information on such fields as health care management and educational administration.

ABI/INFORM Trade & Industry covers 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 selective 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.

Title Counts:

Format	Titles
Abstracting & Indexing	2,296
Full Text	1,536
Image	849
Text + Graphics	764

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 Universe 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

- Academic Universe 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.

ProQuest Psychology Journals contains over 280 full text and full image journals, all indexed in PsycINFO, the definitive database from the American Psychological Association. ProQuest Psychology Journals covers a wide range of topics including all psychology disciplines, plus related articles in education, business, medicine,

nursing, law, and social work. Titles in full text and image formats include The American Journal of Psychology, Educational Psychology, Journal of Marriage and Family, and Social Behavior and Personality. Full text coverage begins in 1992 for some journals, with extensive coverage available from 1998 to the present for the majority of titles.

Title Counts:

Format	Titles
Full Text	298
Image	297

PsycARTICLES is an online database containing more than 25,000 searchable full text articles from 42 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.

There is no overlap with ProQuest Psychology Journals.

Justification for ProQuest Psychology Journals and PsycARTICLES:

- The combination of the ProQuest Journals and 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 these two databases, was #2 to buy and #5 as a core resource. The two full text psychology databases will strongly support the 24 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.

Recommendation of databases for state funding request approved by the MOBIUS Executive Committee on July 19, 2001.