

Bibliographic Control of Web Resources: A Library of Congress Action Plan

Work Plan Form for Action Item 2.1

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Collaborators: ARL Portals Applications Working Group (Sarah Michalak, chair); LITA Internet Portals Working Group (Steve Mitchell, chair); ALCTS Catalog Form and Function Committee (Melinda Reagor - Flannery, chair).

Stakeholders: Vendors (including: ExLibris, Endeavor, Fretwell-Downing, Auto-Graphics, Copernic); Utilities (including OCLC's SiteSearch); Institutions with locally developed software.

2. CMT Liaison: John D. Byrum

3. Points of convergence/dependencies with other action items: 6.4

4. Consultants: None

5. Text for action item: Support development of common user interfaces for searching, sorting, and retrieving relevant search results across a range of discovery tools. Identify desirable portal features and encourage the vendor community to provide recommended functionality. Promote adopting protocols and profiles as well as best practices for indexing. Serve as a forum for the exchange of information and concerns for the purpose of identifying ideas for improvement of portal applications.

6. Estimate of costs: To be determined. None expected for the period Sept.-Dec. 2002.

7. Sources of funding: Library Services.

8. Task components/deliverables: (1) Study emerging portal applications to identify and prioritize functionality; (2) Examine portal products for their strengths and weaknesses, testing those that seem promising; (3) Communicate with collaborators to minimize duplication of effort. [In addition, the LC Portals Applications Issues Group will strive to identify particular

portal applications related to the needs of the Library's public service staff and on-campus users for testing and possible acquisition.]

9. Timeline for completion of action item: 2-3 years.

10. Communications plan: Meet with collaborators to discuss mutual interests. Meet with vendors to exchange information regarding their portal products. Utilize appropriate electronic discussion lists to generate and vet recommendations.

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