

## FEDERAL LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTER COMMITTEE

- I. PURPOSE: In recognition of the need for cooperation and concerted action among Federal libraries and information centers in all branches of the Federal Government, a Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) is established. The purpose is to:
  - A. Achieve better utilization of Federal library and information center resources and facilities through:
    1. The promotion of common services.
    2. The coordination and sharing of available resources.
    3. The provision of education and professional development.
    4. The conduct of related research, projects, and studies.
  - B. Provide the most cost effective and efficient administrative mechanism for providing necessary services and materials to the Federal libraries and information centers.
  - C. Provide a forum for discussion of Federal library and information policies, programs, and procedures to help inform the Congress, Federal agencies, and others concerned with libraries and information centers.
- II. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE: The FLICC will cover all areas of cooperation for better utilization of libraries and information centers and for more effective and efficient operation of these critical facilities. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - A. Seeking opportunities for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of programs by resource sharing; incorporating Information Management and Information Technology procedures; coordinating and stimulating the use of new or improved systems, procedures, methods, and technologies; and conducting joint studies, analysis, evaluations, and tests.
  - B. Conducting a common education program covering topics of interest to the community.
  - C. Reviewing proposed Federal policies for their impact on the community.
  - D. Discussing ways to improve the management of the Federal library and information center resource.
  - E. Coordinating cooperative activities and services among Federal libraries and information centers.

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- F. Serving as a forum to consider: Issues and policies that affect Federal libraries and information centers; needs and priorities in providing information services to the Government and Nation at large; and efficient and cost-effective use of Federal

library and information resources and services.

- G. Administering the Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK) to improve access to information, cooperation among Federal libraries, and effective and efficient management of information resources.
- H. Promoting: Improved access to information; continued development and use of the Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK); research and development in the application of new technologies and methods to Federal libraries and information centers; improvements in the management of Federal libraries and information centers; and relevant continuing education opportunities.

### III. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. The Library of Congress will establish and operate an administrative office in the Library of Congress to conduct the business of FLICC. Organizational responsibilities and FLICC organizational structure will be contained in the organization's by-laws.
- B. Within FLICC, the Library of Congress will maintain and operate the Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK) to improve access to information, cooperation among Federal libraries and effective and efficient management of information resources.
- C. The need to continue the committee will be reviewed every five years by the Librarian of Congress. Notification of intended termination will be published in the *Federal Register*.

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