



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### PROPOSED SOUTHEAST REGION GUIDELINES FOR MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSITION OF FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

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This is a time of significant change for libraries that participate in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). In response to this environment, ASERL established the ASERL Deans' FDLP Task Force to develop "Proposed Southeast Region Guidelines for Management and Disposition of Federal Depository Library Collections."

These proposed guidelines were drafted as a means of starting a dialogue between library deans and directors, documents librarians and others about how to effectively manage the extant FDLP collections as a regional asset. The document proposes options for standardizing and simplifying the FDLP collection management processes within our region.

Highlights of the proposal:

- A brief overview of the law governing aspects of the FDLP program, specifically focusing on **requirements for managing FDLP collections**;
- A recommendation to expand ASERL's "center of excellence" model to **build two comprehensive-as-possible, cataloged FDLP print collections** held collaboratively across FDLP libraries in the Southeast; and
- Proposing **new, standardized processes for managing the disposition of FDLP documents within the Region** to reduce workload, balanced against a more robust acquisitions process that emphasizes established local collection development needs.

**It must be emphasized that this proposal does not imply that there will be only two Regional Depository Libraries in the Southeast Region.** Rather, it means that among the twelve Regional Depository Libraries in the southeast there will be collaboration to take responsibility for cataloging a portion of the collection and for retrospectively acquiring the items necessary to make that portion as complete as possible within the limitations of available content and resources. Responsibility for

portions of these comprehensive collections may be shared by Selective Depository Libraries in the southeast.

### **Next Steps**

On April 22, 2010, the Discussion Draft was reviewed and the proposal was adopted unanimously by ASERL library deans and directors at the ASERL Spring Membership Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. The document is being released to Federal Depository Libraries in the Southeast Region, as well as others with an interest in the FDLP and public access to government information, in order to obtain their comments and suggestions.

The Discussion Draft is available at <http://www.aserl.org/>, along with this Executive Summary.

### **Questions/Feedback**

The members of the ASERL Dean's FDLP Task Force are:

- Judy Russell, University of Florida (Chair)
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Questions about the attached Discussion Draft can be sent to Judy Russell ([jcrussell@ufl.edu](mailto:jcrussell@ufl.edu)) or to any member of the Task Force.

ASERL has created an online survey form as one means of receiving input on this proposal from library deans and directors, documents librarians, and other interested persons. This survey will be available at <http://tinyurl.com/aserl-fdlp-2010> until Friday, July 30, 2010. The survey seeks input on the proposal section-by-section; it is recommended that respondents have the proposal available when completing the survey in order to provide meaningful and constructive feedback.