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Dr. Arthur P. Young, Dean
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Dear Dean Young:

I am writing to formalize the transfer of the assets of the Illinois Cooperative Collection Management Program (ICCMP) to the newly formed Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI). The new consortium consists of the Illinois Library Computer Systems Organization (ILCSO), a 65-member consortium largely involved with the maintenance of the online catalog for the past 25 years; the Illinois Digital Academic Library (IDAL), a group which negotiates databases for all academic libraries in the state; and the ICCMP, a 20-year-old alliance which specializes in continuing education for bibliographers and the dispersal of funds to enhance collections, print and digital.

ILCSO and IDAL have been directly funded from state revenue since their formation. ICCMP secured Higher Education Cooperation Act (HECA) grants for about 15 years, and the funds were funded through a permanent base funding adjustment in the state budget 5 years ago and designated for Northern Illinois University, the current fiscal agent and home for the ICCMP activity. Parenthetically, ICCMP has been housed at a minimum of three institutions over the past 20 years, and each location change required approval by the ICCMP Executive Committee.

Over the past several years, these groups have met to discuss the advantages of consolidation, principally the power of numbers in negotiating for increasingly expensive databases, and more budget flexibility to consider such projects as preservation, storage of materials, etc. During the spring of 2005, each group received a draft constitution and bylaws and memorandum of understanding for their consideration. Each group convened a meeting to which all eligible institutions were invited, and the resulting vote was as follows: ILCSO—57 approved, 0 opposed; IDAL—162 in favor (unanimous); ICCMP—72 in favor, and 5 opposed. With this overwhelming vote, the CARLI was activated on July 1, 2005. The University of Illinois will continue to act as the host and fiscal agent for the newly formed consortium, as it has done over the years for ILCSO and IDAL.

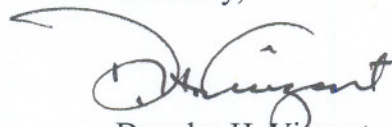
Since CARLI is currently recruiting for a new executive director, 2005-2006 will be a transitional year. The executive director of ICCMP, Elizabeth Clarage, has recontracted with NIU and UIUC for newly defined duties and an adjusted salary. She will continue her core duties from NIU during this coming year. I want to express my personal appreciation to

you, and members of your human resource team at NIU, for your fine assistance in working out the details of Elizabeth's complex personnel arrangements.

The grant of money to ICCMP from IBHE will continue to flow to NIU during FY06. Beginning on July 1, 2006, these funds should be redirected by IBHE to CARLI, Office for Planning & Budgeting, University of Illinois. I am hereby requesting that the appropriate NIU fiscal office notify IBHE that the funds designated for the ICCMP, currently \$245,000, be redirected to CARLI. Assistant Vice President W. Randall Kangas will be available to assist in this process.

I enjoyed our meeting with you, Elizabeth, and Dave Stewart on the Urbana campus several months ago, and appreciate the excellent cooperation in the redefinition of our consortial posture on behalf of all academic libraries in the state of Illinois. Our efforts to date have saved millions of dollars for Illinois academic libraries, and I look forward to many more creative and cost beneficial projects in the coming years.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Vinzant", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

Douglas H. Vinzant
Associate Vice President
for Planning & Budgeting

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