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FROM: Electronic Resources Working Group

TO: CARLI Board of Directors

RE: Shared Funding for One Time Purchases – SAGE Deep Backfile

At its March 16 meeting, the Board approved a plan to use both central funds and a pool of contributed member funds to acquire electronic content as one time purchases. The Board committed \$500,000 per year for three years (FY 2007-FY 2009) to test the concept. The Electronic Resources Committee was charged with identifying potential targets for acquisition, and to consult with the staff on negotiations for an appropriate acquisition.

After reviewing the electronic products currently available, the ERWG chose the SAGE Deep Journal Backfile as its initial target. Factors in the deliberation were:

- This product is new, so no CARLI member has yet purchased it, providing CARLI with the opportunity to provide something for which all members are potential participants.
- The 301 titles in the product cover life sciences, medicine, and the physical science, but they focus particularly on social science.
- SAGE journals are widely held as current subscriptions in academic libraries, so the backfile would support institutional resources that have broad interest among members.
- Perpetual access from volume 1, issue 1 for 301 journals, so libraries would be free to make weeding decisions that could recover valuable shelf space.
- The backfile purchase can be rolled out simultaneously with a brokered current subscription package for members who want to enhance their current access.
- The product has an archival depository agreement with Portico and CLOCKSS.

This product meets all of the benefits of a shared e-collection described in the ERWG report to the Board, January 2007.

Following the direction of the Board, a schedule of fees for member contributions to the support the acquisition of the SAGE Deep Journal Backfile has been developed and will be shared with the Board at its May meeting.