State Forecast

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- State Forecasts will be used to identify the current and future depository library environment.
- The forecast will be used to gather information about the following general areas:
    - Depository institutions and library types
    - Economics
    - Demographics of service area
    - Technology
    - Current library environment (e.g., consortia, non-depository libraries, etc.)
    - Other information to be determined
- Steps to create a 5-year State Forecast
    Step 1: Complete a template for your individual library
    Step 2: Meet to discuss and compile individual libraries' templates into one final State Forecast.
- State Forecast information will be used to develop a State Focused Action Plan.

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Example of Forecast elements:

Economics
- Parent library budget – ↓ Decreasing 10%
- Possible anticipated impact
    - Separate reference desks are combined into one unified service desk

Demographics
- Changes in communities served
    - Population – ↓ Decreasin**g 10%**
    - **(Many** other changes.)
- Possible anticipated impacts
    - Need to reassess collection focus to meet needs and interests of new community demographic.
    - Increased need to target information for the new community demographic
    - Need to increase information collection and advertisement of federal materials available electronically to users through the Federal Depository Library.

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Important Dates:
- Complete templates for the Forecast and Action Plans are being finalized and will be pilot tested before release which is anticipated in December/January. Information will be made available on the FDLP Desktop.
- State Forecasts and State Focused Action Plans are due to GPO by June 30, 2012.