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The FDLP Forecast Study queried Federal depository libraries individually and at the state level to indicate their pressing issues, goals, and viewpoints and to identify their initiatives and needs. The State Forecast Questionnaire focused on the same key topics as in the Library Forecast Questionnaire. State questions largely paralleled those on the Library Forecast Questionnaire. Per the State Forecast Questionnaire instructions, state coordinators were asked to "please answer on behalf of the FDLP libraries in your state representing their collective experiences, their consensus on major issues when possible, and to the best of your knowledge."

Results from the State Forecast Questionnaire are being presented as five individual Data Reports. Each Data Report presents the overall response rates of the State Forecast Questionnaire and the results of each State Forecast question pertaining to a particular topic.

The five State Data Reports are: Affiliations & Community Marketing, Education, Future Roles & Opportunities, LSCM Projects, and Preservation Issues.

Figure 1 presents the total number of submissions from all respondents and the overall response rate. When the survey closed on November 30, 2012, 45 (47)¹ of the total 56 states² responded providing an overall response rate of 80% (84%).

FDLP Jurisdictions Categories	Jurisdictions Totals	Number of Respondents	Response Rate
States	50	42	84%
DC & Territories	6	3 (5)	50% (83%)
Totals	56	45 (47)	80% (84%)

Figure 1: Overall Responses

¹ Total responses received were 45 (47) meaning that the total number of physical questionnaires received was 45; however, the questionnaire for the state of Florida included the territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. ² As defined in the State Forecast Questionnaire, a "state represents state, district, or territory."

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The following LSCM Projects questions from the State Forecast Questionnaire are:

- Question 6: "Please rate the following current LSCM projects areas according to how users of Federal Government information in libraries within your state might benefit?"
 - Sub-question A: "Projects to provide greater access to Government information such as: Simultaneous searching of FDsys and the Catalog of Government Publications; increasing access to United States Courts' opinions provided in partnership with the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts available on FDsys."
 - Sub-question B: "Projects to increase cataloging services such as: The Cataloging Record Distribution Project; Shelflist Transcription & Bibliographic Record Clean Up; Cooperative Cataloging Partnerships; enhancements to MetalLib."
 - Sub-question C: "Projects focusing on collection development and management tools such as: The National Bibliographic Inventory; Library Information System Transformation (LIST), PURL Referral Reports."
 - Sub-question D: "Projects focused on education and online communication with FDLP members such as: FDsys training sessions; acquiring an online tool for virtual meetings; scheduling online community forums to discuss current FDLP issues; communication through social media (blogs, twitter)"
- Question 7: "Is there another area of service that FDLP libraries within your state would like LSCM to offer in the next five years? (Please describe.)"

This report documents the data gathered from these questions. Please note: totals may not always equal 100% due to rounding.

Question 6 was a four-part question. The quantitative findings are presented below. There were no qualitative, open-ended components to sub-questions of Question 6.

QUESTION 6A

"Please rate the following current LSCM projects areas according to how users of Federal Government information in libraries within your state might benefit?"

• "Projects to provide greater access to Government information such as: Simultaneous searching of FDsys and the Catalog of Government Publications; increasing access to United States Courts' opinions provided in partnership with the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts available on FDsys."

Response options were:

- 1) Extremely beneficial
- 2) Moderately beneficial
- 3) Not beneficial

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS

Of 45 state respondents to Question 6A, 38 (84%) responded "Extremely Beneficial," while 7 (16%) responded "Moderately Beneficial." There were no "Not Beneficial" responses.

Figure 1: Overall Response Rate



QUESTION 6B

"Please rate the following current LSCM projects areas according to how users of Federal Government information in libraries within your state might benefit?"

• "Projects to increase cataloging services such as: The Cataloging Record Distribution Project; Shelflist Transcription & Bibliographic Record Clean Up; Cooperative Cataloging Partnerships; enhancements to MetalLib."

Response options were:

- 1) Extremely beneficial
- 2) Moderately beneficial
- 3) Not beneficial

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS

Of 45 state respondents to Question 6B, 28 (62%) responded "Extremely Beneficial," while 17 (38%) responded "Moderately Beneficial." There were no "Not Beneficial" responses.

Figure 2: Overall Response Rate



QUESTION 6C

"Please rate the following current LSCM projects areas according to how users of Federal Government information in libraries within your state might benefit?"

 "Projects focusing on collection development and management tools such as: The national Bibliographic Inventory; Library Information System Transformation (LIST), PURL Referral Reports."

Response options were:

- 1) Extremely beneficial
- 2) Moderately beneficial
- 3) Not beneficial

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS

Of 45 state respondents to Question 6C, 11 (24%) responded "Extremely Beneficial," while 32 (71%) responded "Moderately Beneficial," and 2 (5%) responded "Not Beneficial."

Figure 3: Overall Rating Response Rate



QUESTION 6D

"Please rate the following current LSCM projects areas according to how users of Federal Government information in libraries within your state might benefit?"

• *"Projects focused on education and online communication with FDLP members such as: FDsys training sessions; acquiring an online tool for virtual meetings; scheduling online community forums to discuss current FDLP issues; communication through social media (blogs, twitter)"*

Response options were:

- 1) Extremely beneficial
- 2) Moderately beneficial
- 3) Not beneficial

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS

Of 45 state respondents to Question 6D, 23 (51%) responded "Extremely Beneficial," while 22 (49%) responded "Moderately Beneficial." There were no "Not Beneficial" responses.

Figure 4: Overall Rating Response Rate



QUESTION 7

"Is there another area of service that FDLP libraries within your state would like LSCM to offer in the next five years? (Please describe.)"

Response options were:

1) no 2) yes (please describe)

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS

Of 45 state respondents to Question 7, 33 (73%) responded "yes," while 12 (27%) responded "no."



Figure 5: Overall Yes / No Response Rate

QUALITATIVE RESULTS

Thirty-three (33) states indicated there was another area of service that their state would like LSCM to offer in the next five years. States were also given the opportunity to describe those services. Respondents were not limited to the number of services they could describe. The following figure depicts the results of the qualitative analysis, and the findings of the individual open-ended responses.

Individual open-ended responses totaled 103 observations (LSCM services that FDLP libraries described). Observations were grouped into eight over-arching categories for reporting purposes:

- 1. **Cataloging** refers to services libraries would like LSCM to provide related directly to cataloging, whether by LSCM or by depository libraries. Examples of responses include: pre-1976 cataloging, Cataloging Record Distribution Program, New Electronic Titles, and the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications.
- 2. Collection Management refers to services libraries would like LSCM to provide related to collection management, collection development, and improvements or changes that might be made to information lifecycle management processes. Examples of responses include: recommended title lists, List of Classes, DSIMS, and GPO technical services processes.
- **3. Discovery and Access** refers to services libraries would like LSCM to provide related to public access and systems. Examples of responses include: expanding or improving tools such as FDsys, CGP, and Ben's Guide; subscriptions to agency Web sites; and including more content in the FDLP.
- **4.** Education and Training refers to services libraries would like LSCM to provide related to education and training of library staff, the general public, or specific populations. Examples of responses include: mentoring, videos, collection management training, virtual training, and Train the Trainer sessions.
- **5. LSCM Services** refers to services to libraries and the general public that respondents would like LSCM to offer to improve customer services and support. Examples of responses include: communication, marketing and promotion, support for outreach or collaboration, partnerships, and the FDLP Web site.
- **6. Other** refers to any response without specific suggested services. Examples of responses include: "unsure," "no answer," or other topics.
- 7. Outside Agency Parameters or Program Governance refers to any response suggesting services that GPO cannot provide, such as requests for financial support and changing current requirements or procedures beyond the mandate of Title 44. Examples of responses include: requests for funding travel to conferences and changing distribution procedures beyond the current statute.
- 8. Preservation and Digitization refers to services libraries would like LSCM to offer in archiving, preservation, digitization, or anything related to digitization. Examples of responses include: developing digitization standards, digital registry, digitization of historic documents, and digital deposit.

Figures 6 and 7 illustrate areas of service described by category.

Of the total number of observations reported by respondents, 17% described services related to Cataloging and LSCM Services; 14% described services related to Discovery and Access, Education and Training, and Preservation and Digitization; 11% described services related to Collection Management; 9% provided responses related to Other; and 6% described services that were Outside Agency Parameters or Program Governance.

Category	Freq	%
Cataloging	17	17%
Collection Management	11	11%
Discovery and Access	14	14%
Education and Training	14	14%
LSCM Services	18	17%
Outside Agency Parameters or Program Governance	6	6%
Preservation and Digitization	14	14%
Other	9	9%
Total	103	100%

Figure 6: Areas of Service Described by Category



Figure 7: Areas of Service Described: Responses by Category