

**State University System of Florida
Florida Center for Library Automation
2007-08 Legislative Budget Request**

The Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA), located at UF, is an electronic library automation system designed to implement and support high quality computing and telecommunications systems among Florida's eleven state universities. One primary objective of the FCLA is to assist the University libraries in managing and providing access to their collections, increase the productivity of library staff, improve inter-library sharing, and expand the electronic delivery of information resources to students, faculty and staff. FCLA is integral to the University libraries' success in meeting their responsibilities to select, acquire, organize, and provide access to recorded knowledge, information and data that support the teaching, research, and service missions of the Universities. Furthermore, efforts are made to ensure preservation of library materials and university research data for use by future generations.

Every year, more scholarly publications become available in electronic format. Electronic resources play a key role in on-campus and distance learning instruction at the undergraduate level, including workforce education, as well as faculty and graduate level research. It is important that university libraries provide access to this literature on behalf of all students and faculty at the most cost effective approach. Unfortunately, most of the world's refereed scholarly publications, which are copyrighted and licensed to academic institutions, are not free of charge. However, the FCLA is in a unique position to obtain volume discounts by licensing additional electronic resources on behalf of all the universities. These resources will support the 50 plus libraries of the 11 universities in achieving their mission of providing university students and faculty with access to the latest publications available electronically.

For 2007-08, the FCLA is requesting funding in the amount of \$5,236,285. With the funds requested, FCLA will continue to license the 200 databases already in use by SUS students. In addition, FCLA will augment the set of multi-disciplinary electronic resources useful in all areas of undergraduate instruction including work force disciplines and increase the depth of research information in the biological sciences. Specifically, the FCLA will license 3 multi-disciplinary databases valuable for undergraduate education, 12 databases focused on the workforce areas of education, engineering and nursing and 5 databases focused on biology and the broader fields of science, medicine and technology. The cost to continue the established set of databases is \$414,000 recurring. The cost of the 3 multi-disciplinary databases is \$730,000 per year. The 12 workforce databases have annual costs of \$805,819 and one-time costs of \$314,478. The 5 science databases will have annual costs of \$741,093 and one-time costs of \$2,230,895. To

state the obvious from these cost figures, the science literature is more expensive than the other products, which has been true of the print literature for decades. In summary, the costs are as follows:

	<u>Recurring</u>	<u>Non-Recurring</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost-to-Continue	\$414,000	-	\$414,000
Multi-disciplinary	730,000	-	730,000
Workforce	805,819	314,478	1,120,297
Science	<u>741,093</u>	<u>2,230,895</u>	<u>2,971,988</u>
Totals	\$2,690,912	\$2,545,373	\$5,236,285