LIBRARY AUTOMATION PLANNING GROUP

PROGRESS REPORT

September 1984

1. LAPG —

    The Automation Planning Group had a busy month with evaluation of RFP responses as their main concern.

    Agendas for the meetings were:

    September 10   Evaluation Subcommittees submitted their "weighting" of the RFP specifications; procedures for the preliminary review of responses were developed; a request for cost estimates from WSU's CSC was reviewed.

    September 17   RFP responses were opened at 5:00 p.m. and recorded as received; copies of the responses were distributed for preliminary review.

    September 21   An all day meeting was held to begin preliminary review of the RFP responses.

    September 28   Continued preliminary review; discussed role of library automation consultant Dick Boss in the review process; prepared for Library Director's meeting to be held October 5.

    Teams of the LAPG worked intensively for two weeks on the preliminary review process, consulting vendors for clarification as needed. The Technical Requirements Subcommittee reviewed all responses for feasibility of the hardware configurations proposed.

2. DALNET —

    During September, the DALNET group officially added Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital Library as a member. A written understanding of their participation was established.

    The Governance Task Force met several times during September to work on their report. A first draft, to be discussed with DALNET representatives, was almost complete by the end of September. A preliminary report will be discussed with Library Directors at the October 5 meeting.

    The group agreed to continue the services of Dick Boss as DALNET's library automation consultant.

3. RFP Progress —

    Our Request for Proposal generated an excellent response rate from library automation vendors.

    Responses to the RFP were received from ten vendors:

    1. Advanced Library Concepts (ADLIB)
    2. Bibliotechniques (BLIS)
    3. CL Systems, Inc. (CLSI)
    4. Carlyle (TOMUS)
    5. Data Research Associates (ATLAS)
    6. Executive Data Solutions
    7. Geac Computers International
    8. Innovative Interfaces (INNOVACQ)
    9. Northwestern University (NOTIS)
    10. Universal Library Systems (ULISYS)

    Two responses were partial bids and so are not being reviewed at this time. The remaining eight complete proposals were reviewed in the preliminary screening process.

4. WSU OCLC Archive Tape Preparation —

    Blackwell North America was asked to return all of WSU's OCLC archive tapes as soon as possible so that the needed new copies of tapes could be made.
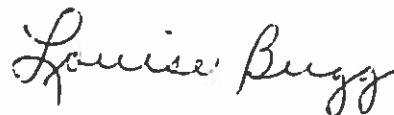
5. Borrower ID cards —

    The WSU Libraries' concerns about the University-wide ID card planning were transmitted to the WSU Steering Committee.

6. Retrospective Conversion of Bibliographic Records —

    During September, the number of titles converted to machine-readable form for the entire WSU Library System was 4104. This brings the total number converted for the retrospective conversion project since March, 1984, to 25,903.

    Training continued for Science Library staff during September. Conversion for Science Library titles is being done using union catalog shelf list records.

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