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DATE: December 2, 2011
TO: Chief Librarians, Chief Instructional Officers, and Chief Information Systems Officers, CCC
FROM: CCC Chancellor's Office, Technology, Research and Information Systems Division
RE: Notification of Statewide Electronic Library Resource Provision

The California Community Colleges have, for many years, relied on the Telecommunications and Technology Infrastructure Program (TTIP) to provide college libraries funding for the purchase of periodical databases and/or other electronic information resources. As a result of budget cuts, these funds were completely eliminated from the TTIP budget resulting in a loss of funding for the past three fiscal years (2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012). For many campuses this had the potential of taking our institutions out of compliance with accreditation standards (Standard II.C.1), unable to meet the Academic Senate resolution (9.03 F01) requiring information competency, and inhibit our ability to create digitally literate citizens as defined in Executive Order S-06-09.

Since these original cuts occurred, the Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Committee (TTAC) and the Council of Chief Librarians (CCL) have worked diligently on leveraging the systems purchasing power and working through the process of creating a single, common electronic library resource for all campuses. Recently, the TTAC has managed to reallocate funding for the purpose of providing a systemwide database for every community college and center beginning in January 2012.
An RFP and selection process was managed through the CCC Technology Center, and on November 14, 2011, they announced their intent to award a contract for COMMUNITY COLLEGES (CCC) ELECTRONIC INFORMATION RESOURCES FOR CCC LIBRARIES to**EBSCO**. This multi-year contract, managed by Butte-Glenn Community College District, will provide a general periodical, newspaper, history, automotive, and business database to every student in the entire CCC system.

While the funds made available for these resources are only a fraction of the amount previously provided through TTIP, the CCC system is saving over 60% from its prior subscription rate for this commodity.

Most campuses will have curricular needs well beyond the general databases provided in this new contract. Each campus will need to provide local funding for the additional electronic information resource needs of its students. However, at a time

when fiscal realities are uncertain, it is refreshing to have this exciting new program to offer our campuses and students.

More information on implementing this program will be forthcoming from the CCC Council of Chief Librarians and the Butte Technology Center. If you have any questions, please contact Kenley Neufeld at kenleyneufeld@cclccc.org.