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The State Library is pleased to announce our intent to enter into statewide license agreements for the databases listed below. Despite our modest budget for this program, we are excited to be able to offer a rich variety of resources for a wide variety of user groups. These databases will be purchased for the period July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008 and renewable over two additional years. Additional information and instructions will be distributed upon completion of the licensing process.

We especially want to express our appreciation for the work of the Statewide Database Committee. Many hours went into reviewing database usage measurements, pouring over vendor quotations, exploring database trials, assessing user needs, and working towards consensus. Special thanks to Karen Hyman for her analysis of over 700 responses to our database survey last winter; to Cheryl O'Connor for sharing her expertise in database negotiation, Cheryl and Joanne Roukens for participation in negotiations with vendors, and to Connie Paul for sharing her considerable insight on supporting service to K-12 students and educators.

The State Library acknowledges and appreciates the continuing financial commitment to statewide database licensing on the part of our Regional Library Cooperatives. For the past several years, a portion of the network aid allocated to the regions has been used to support this program.

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Facts On File: None. This vendor chose not to respond to the Statewide Database RFQ. This was a surprise for us all. Therefore, the State Library cannot award them a contract. One must conclude that the vendor did not respond to the RFQ because they assume they will accrue more in sales with individual libraries than they would gain from a statewide license. Time will tell if this was a good business decision by the vendor. **Facts on File also will not participate in a database discount offer for FY08.** Instead, their course of action is to market a discount to each NJ library customer directly. They are targeting three market segments: first – K-12. Second – academic libraries. Third – public libraries. The deadline to purchase from Facts on File is in September 2007. The vendor wants to see what their sales are with this offer first. Then they will determine if they will participate in the Database Discount Offer for FY09.