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LYRASIS Awarded National Leadership Collaborative Planning Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services

Atlanta, GA, – August 25, 2010 – Thanks to a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), LYRASIS will host a national discussion to explore development of a framework for collaborative archiving and retention of print monograph collections. Much has been accomplished in recent years to design and implement collaborative approaches for long-term retention of journal, newspaper, and government document collections, but approaches for monographs, due in part to the format's complexities, have not been addressed on a broad, collaborative scale.

“The highlight of the six-month planning initiative will be a multi-day ‘think tank’ scheduled for late October, and convening library leaders from across the country to define characteristics of a collaborative model and identify issues that need testing or research to confirm a framework for future action,” says Timothy Cherubini, LYRASIS Program Director for East Region Services and Project Director for this grant. This approach is borrowed from the 2003 “Preserving America’s Print Resources” planning discussions, which sparked significant activity on collaborative approaches to journal retention. Reports from the October ‘think tank’ event will be made available in early 2011.

IMLS Acting Director, Marsha L. Semmel notes, “National Leadership Collaborative Planning Grants provide opportunities to conduct research and develop the framework to support future projects that have the potential to generate new tools, research, models, services, practices, or alliances that will positively impact museums, libraries, and the communities they serve. These projects encourage partnerships that address national issues of importance impacting education, scholarship, and public service, and they encourage the broad application of standards and models to improve professional practice.”

“LYRASIS’ proposal was one of four funded by the IMLS for 2010. LYRASIS is partnering in this effort with the Center for Research Libraries (CRL), the California Digital Library (CDL), and the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC).

About LYRASIS

Created in April 2009 by the merger of PALINET and SOLINET and joined shortly thereafter by NELINET, LYRASIS is the nation's largest regional membership organization serving libraries and information professionals - providing opportunities for networking and collaboration, offering innovative solutions, and significant cost savings through group purchasing for products and services. For more information, please visit www.lyrasis.org.

About the Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. To learn more about the Institute, please visit www.ims.gov.

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