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Task Description: InterLibrary Loan Support for the Yucca Mountain Project (YMP) Technical Information Center. This project was initiated to support the Technical Information Center (TIC) efforts to acquire cited-reference documentation (journal articles, technical reports, book chapters, symposia and other monographs, reference materials, etc.). It also supported selective acquisition by UNLV Libraries of titles that would benefit the YMP, UCCSN/UNLV, and the general public’s research needs in the area of underground nuclear waste disposal and nuclear waste transportation.

Task Duration: From March, 2000 until September, 2003 (no-cost extension approved through November 30, 2003). Work commenced on June 1, 2000, after staff had been hired and trained.

Task History: Task 11 of the Cooperative Agreement number DE-FC28-98NV12081 provided 3,197 copies of cited documents to the YM Technical Information Center at a cost of $33,495 in copyright fees. An additional $4,350 was spent to pay access charges from commercial database suppliers when documents could not be provided from the UNLV collection or the national InterLibrary Loan system. A total of 53 reference and topical books and electronic resources relevant to understanding nuclear waste disposal were added to the UNLV collections, which are open for use by the general public.

Requests for the YM Technical Information Center were submitted to us on a regular basis. These requests were processed within 24 hours of receipt. The volume of requests submitted was manageable and the cost has been within the limits as set forth in the original proposal. Using the UNLV Document Delivery Service account with the Copyright Clearance Center (CCC), royalty fees were paid for each article filled.

We set up an account with a commercial document supplier, Infotrieve, in March 2001 to obtain materials that were not available in the UNLV libraries nor available nationally via the OCLC InterLibrary Loan system. This was also done in order to pay royalty fees for materials not listed with the CCC. During the life of the Task, 143 requests from the TIC were cancelled because a method to pay for copyright royalties could not be ascertained for specific documents. During the first year of the Task there were 98 cancellations. During the last 2.5 years of the Task, with the use of Infotrieve to make royalty payments, there were 45 additional cancellations.

Use of this service has been very successful.
**Document Delivery Statistics:**  Project Statistics for June 2000-September 30, 2003 (40 months):

Total document requests submitted by the TIC: 3300, or an average of 83 per month.

Total requests filled: 3197, or an average of 80 per month. The original Task goal was 75-100 per month.

Total requests cancelled: 143 (an average of 4 per month)

Total Copyright Royalties Paid: $33,495.23

**Collections:**

A total of 53 books, technical reports, and electronic information products directly related to the YMP were selected by the Science and Engineering Librarian or requested by the TIC for UNLV to acquire during the life of the Task. Total cost = $20,807.88

**Staffing:**

Students employed: 12 students over the life of the Task.

Classified Staff employed: One LA III position filled sequentially from April, 2000-February, 2003.

The most difficult issue the Task faced was ensuring consistent staffing, especially of the classified staff position. Incumbents would stay in the position long enough to obtain a permanent status position at the University. It takes an average of 3 months to refill the vacant position, during which regular staff assisted Task students in maintaining the workflow. In March, 2003, after the second turnover of the classified position, students paid for under the Agreement maintained the workflow until September 30, 2003.