

Statewide Resource Sharing
Technology Task Force Report
To the Steering Committee

January 25, 2001

Accomplishments to date:

1. Contract was approved by the state controlling board on November 20.
2. Equipment was approved soon after and has been ordered. It has not yet arrived.
3. Telecommunications infrastructure for the *new* State Library of Ohio computer room, where it will be housed, has been ordered. It is not yet complete.
4. Meetings have begun between OPLIN and vendor staff to chart out Implementation.
5. A tentative Implementation team consisting of prototype (aka guinea pig) libraries, OPLIN staff, SEO staff, and INFOhio staff met in early December to brainstorm tasks, communication and the broad outline of an implementation plan.
6. The Policy Committee met at OPLIN with INFOhio in attendance on January 18. We reaffirmed that the business rules will be the same for all, in keeping with the Policy Committees recommendations to date.

Next steps:

1. Fretwell Downing training for central site staff (OPLIN, INFOhio and SEO) January 31.
2. Hardware and systems installation the week of February 5
3. Network installation that same week (?)
4. Fretwell-Downing installation the week of February 12.
5. Prototype testing kickoff meeting February 12.
6. Prototype testing for 2 weeks.
7. Announcements to the library community March 1.

Additional Priorities and Issues Directly Related to Technology Implementation

- We need two contract staff for the Implementation period
- We need a name that works for the URL
- Do we still want to benchmark usage before and after in some way?
- Training—how much, by whom and where remains to be plotted out. Are there limits to what is the responsibility of OPLIN or should it be kept in one place?
- Should we display the holdings of non-participating libraries?