Proposal Description: Catalog State of California Digital Information

This proposal establishes a mechanism for the coordinated and systematic cataloging of California digital government information resources. This coordination ensures that the campuses do not duplicate effort and all will have access to these records. This will ultimately add value to government information collections by providing updated bibliographic access to these publications.

What would these steps accomplish?

- This would provide bibliographic access to currently uncataloged online information and bibliographic control for titles that have migrated to digital formats. The California State Library is not currently cataloging digital government publications in any systematic way.

- The records created would have the potential for multiple use in Melvyl, local campus catalogs and possibly the CDL Directory and Infomine.

What are the start-up and ongoing costs (hardware, software, human resources) and timelines attached to each action?

- The government information cataloging proposal will be part of the Shared Cataloging Program (SCP) already established at UCSD.

- A Purl server has already been added to the SCP, as part of the TFER 2 recommendations.

- Additional selector time to identify materials.

- Additional cataloging time to create and update records.

- The timeline for this proposal will be established by an implementation group, and will include a pilot proposal of materials from selected California State agencies.

What campus costs will be avoided by taking these actions?

- Less reference and patron time will be needed to access this material.

- Records created for this proposal could be shared by campuses, eliminating the need for each campus to create records.
What kinds of ongoing assignments and structures (e.g., collaborative structures) are needed for each action? (i.e., how can these actions be accomplished?)

- Continuing identification, selection and cataloging will take place as well as the need for continued support of staff cataloging time.

- The UC Government Information Librarians structure is able to provide a mechanism for assigning responsibility for identifying the digital publications of various departments and other units within the California state government.

- Collaborative cataloging through SCP of Federal, local, and regional government materials may be incorporated into the proposal when procedures and workloads allow.

Proposed Action:

- Under the oversight of the Shared Cataloging Program Steering Committee, an implementation group will be formed to establish procedures to catalog digital government resources from the State of California. The implementation group will include UC Government Information Librarians and Shared Cataloging Program members.