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COLD members,

This is further information regarding the MARCive and CRDP agenda item for the COLD meeting next week. The information below is for you to share and discuss with the relevant team members at your library to inform the COLD discussion.

**Background:**

To reduce redundancies across the system at the time of the ULMS migration, in 2017/18 we began a systemwide agreement with MARCive for two Federal Government Documents cataloging services: GPO Database Service and Documents Without Shelves. Documents Without Shelves provides records for a broad spectrum of federal government documents and is not restricted based on a selection profile. The current total cost is \$13,382, divided by formula among participating campuses. Originally, all campuses participated in the agreement, but since that time, eight campuses have opted out. The 2023 renewal cycle saw a particularly high increase, as MARCive both increased their standard pricing and adjusted based on Carnegie class. While not all campuses contribute to the cost of the agreement, MARCive records are automatically loaded into the NZ on a monthly basis and are visible by all campuses.

For libraries in the Federal Depository Library Program, a free alternative to paid MARCive services is the [Cataloging Record Distribution Program](#) (CRDP). Most, but not all, CSUs are FDLP libraries. Currently, Fullerton and Humboldt participate in CRDP, and other campuses are investigating it. CRDP allows a limited number of participants. In the past, there was often a waiting list, but now there are several openings. CRDP MARC records are also created by MARCive, with whom the GPO has an ongoing contract. The GPO MARCive contract does not restrict members from loading records into shared catalogs, such as the NZ. Record sets from CRDP are based on a library's FDPL selection profile. If multiple CSUs wanted to join CRDP and collaborate to automate loading into the NZ, either selection profiles would need to be coordinated or records would need to be deduplicated.

**The questions at hand:**

- Considering the number of campuses who have opted out and the increasing price, is there interest in continuing to proceed with a systemwide MARCive agreement?
  - If so, it will need to be restructured. What would be the priorities for such an agreement?
- Is there interest in instead developing a coordinated effort for campuses to join CRDP and collaborate on profiles and record management?

Thank in advance for discussing with your teams, and I'll look forward to further discussion at COLD.

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