

Memorandum

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Subject: Recommendation to Replace Marcive Documents Without Shelves (DWS) with Cataloging Record Distribution Program (CRDP)

On behalf of the technical services departments across CSU libraries—from catalogers to government document experts, the ULMS NZ Management Group strongly supports the recommendation to replace Marcive Documents Without Shelves (DWS) with the Cataloging Record Distribution Program (CRDP) to manage and provide access to federal government documents for the CSU consortium.

Background & Benefits

For a background about the DWS and CRDP, see the document "[Marcive DWS to CRDP FAQ's](#)," created by Marcus Jun, San Francisco State.

Some of the benefits include: (1) CRDP is a **free service** while DWS has a subscription cost (current total cost is \$13,382 divided by formula among participating campuses); (2) CRDP maintains the same efficiencies used for managing government documents records centrally for the CSU consortium as the current model used for DWS records; (3) CRDP records are distributed by MARCIVE and the records are the same as DWS records; and (4) the transition from DWS to CRDP will be seamless and unnoticeable to library users.

Support

This recommendation is supported by the ULMS Resource Management Functional Committee as well as by members of technical services departments across CSU libraries.

During the ULMS Technical Services Open Forum on June 15, attendees were asked if there were any objections to moving from DWS to CRDP. There were no objections and there was an overwhelming support for the adoption of CRDP at the consortium level.

In addition, a **survey** was conducted in July 2023 to assess campus preference regarding CRDP replacing DWS. Responses (15) from the campuses below supported the move to CRDP. Note that Fullerton, Humboldt, and San Francisco have implemented CRDP locally.

Responding campuses in support of CRDP:

Bakersfield
Chico
Dominguez Hills
Fullerton
Los Angeles
Maritime
Northridge
Pomona
Sacramento
San Bernardino
San Diego
San Francisco
San Jose
San Luis Obispo
San Marcos

Based on the interest by campuses and on the benefits of CRDP, we strongly recommend replacing the current Marcive Documents Without Shelves (DWS) with the Cataloging Record Distribution Program (CRDP).