**COLD E-Resource Purchasing Exploratory Task Force (CERPE)**

**CHARGE:** The CERPE TF is charged with investigating the current COLD models for purchase and cost share of CSU e-resources (ECC and opt in) as well as that of viable consortial or campus-centered alternatives.

Within a six month time frame, the TF will explore and make recommendations concerning:

* Is our current ECC/SCELC system offering the savings expected for group purchasing?
* Does our current cost share model for opt in resources represent the values of the CSU Libraries?
* Do other CSU units pay a cost recovery fee in line with what COLD members pay?
* Would multi-year contracts allow for better savings?
* Would a refocusing on academic publishing knowledge/group discount purchasing experience allow for greater savings?
* How does the current purchasing practice compare to using an outside buyer (Ex: SCELC)?
* If the CSU-Libraries were to use an outside buyer, who are viable partners?
* Can the CSUs benefit by partnering with the UCs via a common procurement approach? (<https://calusource.net/>)
* Are there any savings and/or improvement to process to be gained by locating this workflow on a CSU campus as a shared service?
* Should this work be moved to CSU Procurement vs. Academic Technology Services?

**MEMBERS:**

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