



DEPOSITORY FOR ELECTRONIC STATE DOCUMENTS

GOAL

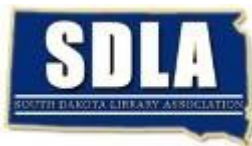
To enhance the existing State Publications Distribution process to include guidelines for depositing electronic format copies with the State Library, the Library of Congress and other designated state publications depositories. The State has a responsibility to provide permanent public access by managing the entire electronic lifecycle from creation to preservation.

BACKGROUND

- The South Dakota Codified Laws (14-1A) specifies how and where copies of state publications are to be archived and distributed. The law designates the State Library, the Library of Congress, USD, and BHSU as state documents depositories for print and AV publications.
- Current State statutes do not explicitly incorporate electronic government information into the state documents depository law. Statutory changes need to be identified and agreed upon by the State Library, Attorney General, State Records Management, State Archives, and designated state documents depositories.
- Permanent public access to electronic government information is an indispensable component of E-Government. The April 2010 survey by the Pew Internet & American Life Project shows that 61% of adult Americans, or 82% of Internet users, took advantage of e-gov. Key uses include looking for information about a policy or issue, looking up what services a government agency provides, downloading government forms, applying for government jobs or benefits, and obtaining tourist or recreational information.
- South Dakota citizens have a right to access government information regardless of format, to locate it easily and conveniently, and to know that valuable government information accessible today in electronic formats will be preserved and remain available for continuous, permanent public access.

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