



# MINITEX RELATIONSHIP WITH SOUTH DAKOTA

## GOAL

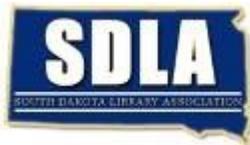
To preserve and enhance South Dakota's participation in the regional resource sharing network known as Minitex so that citizens can easily obtain resources not owned by any library in South Dakota in a cost-effective and professional manner.

## BACKGROUND

- Long-standing relationship (over 30 years) with Minitex, an information and resource sharing program of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and the University of Minnesota Libraries — a similar relationship exists between North Dakota and Minitex
- The State Library (with the assistance of matching federal LSTA funding) has historically paid for a statewide contract with Minitex. In Fiscal Year 2012, the State Library reduced its support due to LSTA cuts, recent state budget cuts, and subsequent loss of federal funds due to unmet MOE (Maintenance of Effort, a required level of state expenditure).
- Advanced research requires scholarly, expensive information resources from many sources — while in-state resources meet the majority of needs, not all needs are met or ever will be
- Reciprocal agreement so that MINITEX obtains resources from SD libraries as well — anticipate 8,800 net requests provided from MINITEX for current fiscal year (FY2012)
- 34 of South Dakota's largest libraries are participants — includes SD State Library, regental academic libraries, large public libraries, tribal libraries, medical libraries
- Courier delivery ensures timely delivery of materials at a cost lower than postal service — reduces staff time spent packaging materials
- MINITEX provides high-quality, low-cost continuing education opportunities (most via webinar) and regional conferences
- MINITEX negotiates group pricing for electronic resources (such as EbscoHost, Lexis-Nexis, Gale, ProQuest, and the American Chemical Society journals) resulting in savings of much as 36% for some libraries

## FUNDING

\$128,621 total reduction in support to libraries in FY2012. South Dakota State Library cost-shifted \$86,416 for resource sharing and \$42,205 for half of the courier delivery costs (for FY2012 the State Library continues to pay the other half of the courier costs)



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