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To: DCMO School Library media Specialists  
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**Re: ProQuest Matching Grant Proposal**

In an effort to promote coordinated cooperative collection development (CCCD) in DCMO schools, provide grants to school libraries, promote understanding and appreciation of global issues, provide access to high-level, authoritative, current information to students, and to encourage teacher-librarian collaboration, the School Library System (SLS) announces an in-kind matching funds grants proposal with ProQuest to provide *CultureGrams*, *Sirs Discoverer*, or *World Conflicts* databases – one database per DCMO school - through the Coordinated Cooperative Collection Development 503 COSER, for the 2007-2008 school year. The SLS presently provides ProQuest Professional for all schools. Quality collections of both print and digital learning resources, in combination with proactive librarians who collaborate with teachers on creating and managing learning activities, do raise student achievement.

The ProQuest company mission is to provide access to the most important current and archived educational publications. As a partner in this grant proposal, ProQuest is discounting subscription prices below state-wide levels. *CultureGrams* is a photo-rich, activity-rich K-12 database aligned with State Learning Standards providing concise, reliable, up-to-date reports in every country in the United Nations, linking cultural understanding across the curriculum to skills objectives in Math and technology literacy. *World Conflicts* is an un-biased, technology and activity-rich compendium on current world conflicts edited by regional global experts, suitable for high-schools. For schools already purchasing or uninterested in *CultureGrams*, *Sirs Discoverer* is a grade 1-9 award winning general reference resource of the best, unique international articles, images, and documents. A trial subscription will be provided free to all schools from September 5 through October 5, 2007, with an in-depth presentation of the resources and the grant program provided by ProQuest representative Deborah Bergeron on October 5 at DCMO BOCES. Additional training and support by the SLS and Ms. Bergeron is provided for districts subscribing to ProQuest resources and the CCCD program.

The cost to districts is per school, from \$150 to \$250 per school, based upon the database selected and the number of schools participating. The SLS will provide in-kind funding at 50% of all subscriptions, one per school. The cost to districts is aidable through the 503 CCCD COSER. The SLS hopes to sustain this program at 25% in-kind funding in '08-'09. A current Member Plan completed by the Library Media Specialist, signed by the Principal and Superintendent, and filed with the SLS is required for participation in this program.

