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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sandra G. Treadway, Librarian of Virginia

FROM: Mary S. Clark, Director
State and Federal Publications Programs

DATE: December 4, 2007

RE: Annual Report on Compliance with the State Publications Depository Act

Per the instructions in §42.1-97 of the *Code of Virginia*, requiring the Librarian of Virginia to report annually to the Governor and the chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on General Laws and the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees of the General Assembly, indicating which, if any, state agencies did not furnish or otherwise make available copies of their publications or other information required under this chapter, I wish to advise you on the results of the period from July 2006 through June 2007.

When the General Assembly re-enacted and recodified provisions related to the State Publications Depository Program in 2006, §42.1-92 of the *Code of Virginia* added:

... the General Assembly recognizes that an informed citizenry is indispensable to the proper functioning of a democratic society. In order to remain informed, citizens must know about the activities of their government and benefit from information developed at public expense. Through the administration of the State Publications Depository Program, citizens will be ensured continued access to state publications, regardless of geographical location in the Commonwealth.

To that end, the Library of Virginia contacts, at least annually, every state agency, commission and board to inquire about their publications during that year, and to ensure that the Library of Virginia has received copies of their publications for preservation and access at the Library, as well as for distribution to designated state publications depository libraries around the state.

Agencies that do not respond are contacted again, and we examine their Web sites for publications we may not have received during the year. Additionally, many agencies contact the Library

regularly, sending materials as they are published, or to inquire about the suitability of publications for the program. During FY 2006–2007, the Library corresponded with state agencies more than 470 times.

During the same time period, the Library of Virginia received 26,630 publications, representing approximately 750 individual titles. These materials were cataloged, distributed, preserved, and made available to the citizens of the Commonwealth. Additionally, 20,353 bills and documents were received from the General Assembly. Only House and Senate Documents were distributed to all depository libraries.

Finally, during the last half of FY 2006-2007, the Library of Virginia began to implement a digital repository for electronic state publications. When fully implemented, this repository will allow all citizens to have access to the full text of collected state publications from any computer with Internet access. Additionally, agencies will be able to submit electronically any publication meeting established criteria for inclusion in the depository program, thus greatly reducing the distribution of printed copies and increasing access.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a report of progress to date.

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