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TRANSMITTAL LETTER:

TO: The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell
Governor of Virginia

The Honorable Charles J. Colgan
Chair, Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable Lacey E. Putney
Chair, House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Mamie E. Locke
Chair, Senate General Laws and Technology Committee

The Honorable S.C. Jones
Chair, House General Laws Committee

FROM: Dr. Sandra G. Treadway

SUBJECT: Compliance with the State Publications Depository Act

Section 42.1-97 of the *Code of Virginia* instructs 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.”

Please accept this report as fulfillment of this responsibility. If you have any questions about this report please let me know.

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Annual Report on Compliance with the State Publications Depository Act

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 digital publications for preservation and access at the Library or paper copies for distribution to designated state publications depository libraries around the state. The Library also requests a list of publications currently available to the public for inclusion in Virginia State Documents, the annual compilation of all state government publications in print.

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 seeking guidance for depositing their publications directly into the Library’s publicly accessible digital repository.

During FY 2011, the Library corresponded with state agencies more than 940 times, including through listserv postings, e-mail, and telephone contacts. During the same time period, the Library of Virginia received 4,235 tangible publications, representing 282 individual titles, nearly the same number as FY 2010. However, agencies deposited 1,068 born digital publications into the Library’s Digital Repository, an increase of 59% from the previous fiscal year. These digital publications are now preserved and available to anyone on the Library’s Internet site www.virginiamemory.com. All publications were cataloged, distributed, preserved, and made available to the citizens of the Commonwealth. Additionally, 8,777 bills and documents were received from the General Assembly. Only House and Senate Documents were distributed to all depository libraries.

This year we are able to report that a number of agencies complied with our request for publications after a multi-year lapse:

Virginia State University (2007)
Virginia Office of Protection and Advocacy (2008)
Virginia Cooperative Extension Service (2009)
Virginia Community College System (2009)
Virginia Board for People with Disabilities (2008)
Office of the Attorney General (2008)

Department of Emergency Management (2009)
Department of Criminal Justice Services (2009)
Department of Conservation and Recreation (2009)
Department of Historic Resources (2008)
Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (2007)
Dabney S. Lancaster Community College (2009)
Department of Health (2008)

We are happy to be able to make the publications of these agencies permanently available.

Several agencies and institutions of Higher Education neither responded to our inquiries nor contributed their publications, either in print or digitally, to the Library of Virginia.

Following the guidelines in the Act, the following were not in compliance in FY 2011:

Christopher Newport University
Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired
Department of Business Assistance
Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Patrick Henry Community College
Radford University
Supreme Court of Virginia
Virginia Liaison Office
Virginia Tech
Virginia Resources Authority
Virginia Western Community College
Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center

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