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## October 31, 2017

## <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

То:	The Honorable Terence R. McAuliffe Governor of Virginia
	The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr. The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr. Co-Chairmen, Senate Finance Committee
	The Honorable S. Chris Jones Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
	The Honorable Frank M. Ruff, Jr. Chairman, Senate General Laws and Technology
	The Honorable Gilbert C. Todd Chairman, House General Laws
cc:	Holly Coy Deputy Secretary of Education
From:	Sandra G. Treadway Librarian of Virginia
Subject:	Annual Report on Compliance with the State Publications Depository Act for 2016-2017

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the provisions of §42.1-97 of the <u>Code of Virginia</u>, I am pleased to provide the annual report for November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2017 indicating which state agencies did not furnish or otherwise make available copies of their publications or other information as required under this chapter. The response on behalf of agencies to the request by the Library of Virginia was overwhelmingly positive with a net deposit of 943 documents that will be permanently available for the educational and research use of all Virginians.

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## ANNUAL REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE PUBLICATIONS DEPOSITORY ACT 2016-2017

Per the instructions in §42.1-97 of the <u>Code of Virginia</u>, 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 compliance with the Act through 31 October 2017.

The role of the State Publications Depository Program, described in §42.1-92 of the <u>Code of Virginia</u> includes the following:

"... 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.

State agencies have deposited 943 digital state publications in the Library's publicly accessible repository since our last report. At this time last year, twenty-four agencies had not responded to our request. This year, a total of fifteen agencies have not yet responded, a reduction of sixty-two per cent. Below are the agencies that have not yet responded:

Christopher Newport University State Compensation Board Department of Aviation Department of Health Professions Department of Medical Assistance Services Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity Virginia State Police VDOT Frontier Museum JLARC UVA Wise VITA Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission Virginia War Memorial

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