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Campuswide Competition to Build Collections Announced

The Library is eagerly seeking help to build and enrich its collections by sponsoring a campuswide competitive proposal project this spring. Student groups, academic departments, faculty groups and individual staff, students or faculty are all eligible to submit proposals. To find out more about the 2002 Library GO Bond Proposal Project, visit the web page at <http://lib.nmsu.edu/aboutlib/BondProject.html>. You can download proposal forms from this page as well as find out detailed information about the project. The deadline for proposals is March 12, 2004.

In November 2002, New Mexico voters approved a statewide Library Books Bond Issue allocating some \$16 million to publicly-funded academic, school and public libraries. Of that \$16 million, the New Mexico State University Library has been allocated \$587,758 to expend over the next two years on library resources. Looking for a creative but targeted way to spend a little over half a million dollars, the Library has opened up the proposal process to the entire New Mexico State University Main campus community.

The Library hopes to receive proposals that that meet at least one of several goals: to enrich existing research collections, build core collections for New Mexico State University Main campus program initiatives and/or update specific collection areas noted for their lack of currency. Successful proposals will demonstrate benefit to either the teaching or to the research mission of the University or to both.

What types of resources are allowable for funding? Any item that does not require an ongoing financial commitment is allowed. For example, books, videos, DVDs, music scores, sound recordings, maps and microforms are all items that fall within the one-time purchase category. However, periodical subscriptions, electronic databases and electronic collections requiring annual maintenance fees do not. Other expenditures that do not fit the criteria are equipment, staff salaries and travel funding. Items must be housed in the New Mexico State University Library.

How will the proposals be judged? First, proposals should demonstrate benefit to as broad a group as

possible. For example, a series of videos or DVDs that examine ethical values in society today and/or within certain fields or industries (i.e., journalism, scientific research, marketing, counseling or social work) could reach a very broad audience ranging from undergraduates to graduates from a variety of disciplines.

The Library also hopes to strengthen its existing research collections. The Library has a fairly good collection of Latin American materials and it is also strong in U.S. Southwest history. Like all major university libraries, the New Mexico State University Library wants to continue to develop and strengthen its specialized collections — collections that make the NMSU Library unique and make it stand out. The Library General Obligation (GO) Bond Proposal Project could give these and other collections a boost, improving the status of the Library and of the University in these teaching and research areas.

Who will judge these proposals? A review committee, consisting of both NMSU teaching and Library faculty, will evaluate all proposals and then submit funding recommendations to the Dean of the Library. The Dean will make the final funding decisions.

If you have specific questions about the Library GO Bond Proposal Project, please contact Susan Beck, the Library's Collection Development Coordinator, at (505) 646-6171 or susabeck@lib.nmsu.edu.