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To: Board Presidents
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I have attached drafts of the 2012 – 2016 NCLS Plan of Service, the Central Library Plan and the Free Direct Access Plan. These plans are State requirements, and are in requisite State formats. The plans have been discussed and revised by a committee appointed by the North Country Public Library Directors Organization, and were reviewed by the NCLS Board of Trustees. These draft documents, along with the current plans, are on the NCLS web site under the “About NCLS” menu.

The NCLS Board would like your suggestions and comments on these plans. The Plan of Service and the Central Library Plan are NCLS Board policy documents and will be considered for adoption at their November 17 meeting. These plans provide the general guidelines for cooperative, shared library services in our four-county region.

The Free Direct Access Plan is a statement that people may receive library services, as outlined in each library’s policies, from any library in the North Country. This has been a long standing practice in our area, and one that has never been controversial. The Direct Access Plan is a requirement because of disputes in other parts of the State. The NCLS member libraries vote to either accept or reject the plan.

Please vote on these plans using the enclosed ballot and return it by October 28th.

Thank you for your continued interest in, and support of, your community’s public library. If you have questions about the documents or the procedure, please contact me at 782-5540 or Bolton@ncls.org. I hope to see many of you at our Annual Meeting, October 1st at Jefferson Community College! Details will be sent soon.