

Comparison of Sample Models A, B & C

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	Model A: New, Improved Current Model	Model B: Middle Ground Model	Model C: Library Services Corporation Model
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State agency similar to current one. • Counties remain the building blocks & one of primary funding sources. • System requirements remain the same with some mandates reduced or eliminated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced number of systems (6-12) • Change in mandate & service structure • Conscious restructuring to attain great efficiency. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current system structure would no longer exist. • Specialized service offerings. • Statewide marketing. • 10-12 in number • Completely different funding model.
Badgercard	Require new, separate funding from state. Statutory structure or formula	State aid funds freed up through changes in system structure and mandates. Separate funding also necessary. Statutory structure or formula.	State funding. (Not clear if this is meant to be new or current \$s.)
Standards	Minimum standards developed and mandated for system membership.	Minimum standards developed and mandated for system membership.	Minimum standards developed & mandated; libraries must meet standards to receive aid.
R&D	Agglomerated funding. Study issues and capabilities for benefit of all libraries. Technology a key, but not exclusive, area of research. Unit of state library agency.	Melding of A & C, with separate board.	Independent technology focused research and product development. Designated state funding & contract funding from interested libraries. Overseen by separate board.
24/7 reference	Contracted service using system aids. Regional or statewide.	Contracted service using system aids. Regional or statewide.	Statewide service provided by LSC specializing in reference services. Supported by state funds and contract payments.

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Statewide delivery	Coordinated centrally. Paid for through system aids. (Intrasystem delivery remains a system responsibility?)	Coordinated centrally. Paid for through system aids. (Intrasystem delivery remains a system responsibility?)	Provided by regional LSCs from designated state funds.
Free library service	Addressed & assured by Badgercard.	Addressed & assured by Badgercard.	Addressed & assured by Badgercard.
Statewide catalog	Not a specified component of this model.	Significant statewide financial incentive to phase in centralized automation system. Local & federal funds used to develop & maintain state catalog.	Not a specified component of this model.
Market-driven services	No effort to make systems more entrepreneurial.	No effort to make systems more entrepreneurial.	LSCs based on agencies developing & marketing specialized capabilities & services to libraries thruout a region & state. Funding goes directly to libraries, which select among market choices without restrictions or mandates.
State aid grants	Paid directly to libraries. (Badgercard payments.)	Paid directly to libraries. (Badgercard payments.)	Fundamental component: significant state grants provided directly to libraries.
Resource library	Still mandated; different requirements & criteria possible.	Optional. Systems can contract with whatever libraries best provide needed services.	Not relevant to this model.
Funding	13% system aids from state.	State system aids still provided. Different formula used for distribution. Local effort a requirement of receiving state support.	State aids for systems would fund this model.
Governance	System boards as now composed.	System boards as now composed. System composition determined by a new set of factors. No single county systems.	LSC boards with (appointed) lay & (elected) professional reps. LSC boundaries follow county lines.