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The Federation of Kentucky Academic Libraries (FoKAL) Selects Lyrasis to Manage Consortial Licensing Activities

Atlanta, GA, April 3, 2009 – In the Fall of 2008, fifty academic libraries in the Commonwealth of Kentucky formed the Federation of Kentucky Academic Libraries (FoKAL).

To help address their electronic content licensing needs, Lyrasis (the successor organization to SOLINET as of April 1, 2009) is pleased to announce a Consortial Licensing Program (CLP) agreement with FoKAL to manage their consortial purchasing activities.

“Having a successful track record is a great foundation to building a strong partnership. Our previous work with FoKAL successfully helped them manage group purchases for members. We are excited to be selected as their vendor of choice, and look forward to providing a broad range of electronic content licensing resources and services to FoKAL member libraries,” stated Ed McBride, Chief of Member Engagement at Lyrasis.

FoKAL’s first official CLP undertaking with Lyrasis is an inventory project covering subscription databases. The purchases of each FoKAL member will be reviewed so that commonalities across the membership can be established and group buying power can be improved.

“SOLINET (now Lyrasis) has been very forthcoming with their knowledge and experience as we have worked to form the Federation of Kentucky Academic Libraries. We have been very pleased with the speed and organization that they demonstrated in their work in helping FoKAL address the effects of this past year’s budget cuts. We are looking forward to continued support from Lyrasis as we work to increase the benefits FoKAL provides to its members. Lyrasis is well positioned to provide us support



internally and connect us with vendors externally,” said John Stemmer, FoKAL Executive Committee Chair.

For more information about Lyrisis’ Consortial Licensing Program including how it has benefited other consortia, please visit www.lyrisis.org/CLP.

About Lyrisis

As the leading regional membership organization for libraries and information professionals, Lyrisis helps ensure their success today and tomorrow by providing access to more of the shared knowledge and expertise, innovative products and services, and customized solutions to serve their communities most effectively and, by working together, advance the profession. Lyrisis is the new organization resulting from the merger of PALINET and SOLINET, and currently serves nearly a third of the U.S., including 16 states east of the Mississippi, plus Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. For more information, please visit www.lyrisis.org.

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