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LYRASIS and BCR Explore Closer Relationship

Atlanta GA, February 2, 2010 – BCR and LYRASIS are pleased to announce that they are exploring the potential for a closer relationship that would better serve members of both organizations. Building on their previous cooperative efforts to offer digital and preservation services, the Boards of both organizations are discussing a variety of options that would allow both BCR and LYRASIS members to take advantage of the unique offerings of each organization.

Brenda Bailey-Hainer, President & CEO of BCR, says of the new development, "I am very excited about the opportunities that these discussions offer. BCR members would not only continue to have the outstanding services that BCR has always provided, but would also benefit from the rich array of additional services and resources from LYRASIS."

"BCR has many innovative programs and services. LYRASIS members have asked how we can partner with BCR and bring these programs to our region. We are very excited about what this potentially can mean to our members and how it will complement our programs and services," says Kate Nevins, Chief Executive Officer of LYRASIS.

As discussions evolve, the Boards of both BCR and LYRASIS will evaluate available options and determine a path for action. Both Boards are committed to ensuring continued high levels of service and expanded programs for all members, while at the same time gaining the efficiencies offered through economy of scale.

About BCR

BCR brings libraries together for greater success by expanding their knowledge, reach and power. They offer a broad range of solutions and their hands-on, personal attention to each member enables them to deliver effective and timely solutions that help libraries keep pace with new developments in technology and services. BCR is the nation's oldest and most established multistate library cooperative. Since 1935, the BCR team has helped libraries learn new skills, reach patrons

About LYRISIS

Created in April, 2009 by the merger of PALINET and SOLINET and joined shortly thereafter by NELINET, LYRISIS is the nation's largest regional membership organization serving libraries and information professionals. The primary service area is the Mid-Atlantic, Southeastern, and New England regions, but LYRISIS has members in many US states and in other countries. Though large in scale, LYRISIS is known for its local touch - fostering collaboration and cooperation among members and facilitating their success through networking and programming, innovative solutions, and significant cost savings through group purchasing for products and services. For more information, please visit www.lyrasis.org.

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