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Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Consortium Chooses Lyrasis

Atlanta, GA, May 21, 2009 – Lyrasis announces that the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), a consortium of Big Ten universities plus the University of Chicago, has signed an agreement with Lyrasis for select product renewals through the Lyrasis Consortial Licensing Program. Lyrasis will handle renewals for CIC members for LexisNexis and Gale Cengage Learning products.

“We are excited to work with the world-class research institutions of the CIC. Lyrasis is committed to working with consortia, freeing them to focus on their mission and initiatives,” said Nancy Harris, Lyrasis Consortia Licensing Consultant.

CIC members include: University of Chicago; University of Illinois; Indiana University; University of Iowa; University of Michigan; Michigan State University; University of Minnesota; Northwestern University; Ohio State University; Pennsylvania State University; Purdue University; and University of Wisconsin-Madison.

“The timing on this couldn't be better for our members. By aggregating demand, we expect that Lyrasis will be able to keep a lid on pricing for our members, and, perhaps more importantly, will remove a lot of redundant back-office time and cost to our systems for negotiating these licenses. The CIC and many others nationally can derive tremendous benefit from this more consolidated approach,” said Mark Sandler, Director, Center for Library Initiatives, Committee on Institutional Cooperation.

For more information on the Lyrasis Consortial Licensing Program, contact Nancy Harris at nancy.harris@lyrasis.org or visit the Lyrasis web site at <http://www.lyrasis.org/Products-and-Services/Consortial-Licensing.aspx>.

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