RFP 178 Discovery Layer Overlay

Summary:
Autographics and EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) responded to RFP 178 Discovery Layer Overlay. Both responses were complete and evaluated. The review team determined that Autographics' response met the requirements of the RFP and is being sent to BIT for further IT review.

Evaluation notes:
The Autographics response successfully addresses the requirements of the RFP as follows:
- Hybrid Union Catalog—Autographics is able to provide a hybrid union catalog utilizing Z39.50 communication to include holdings from libraries that have integrated library systems that support Z39.50 and to create a union catalog for libraries whose integrated library systems do not support Z39.50
  o Autographics provides a cloud-based system that takes care of processing, loading and updating the Union Catalog
  o Autographics personnel handle the processing
  o No additional software is needed on the part of the participating library
- Cataloging—Autographics provides a cloud-based system for editing and uploading MARC records
  o Libraries are able to export MARC records for use in their own systems
- Interlibrary loan (ILL)—Autographics has robust ILL functionality that allows patrons to request ILL and libraries to manage the ILL process without filling out additional paperwork or additional steps.

EBSCO response failed to address required functionality as follows:
- Hybrid Union Catalog—there is no functionality in this product to provide a hybrid union catalog utilizing imported records and Z39.50 communication to include library holdings from libraries not providing records for import
  o All libraries must provide their own database of records via ftp, and continuously update their file as they update and/or add new records
  o All libraries would need to purchase ftp software
- Cataloging—there is no functionality to edit/update records within the product
  o All record edits/updates must be done outside of the product and records imported via ftp
  o Libraries would need to purchase MARC editing software
- Interlibrary loan (ILL)—no ILL functionality exists in this product beyond the capability to include a form for patrons to fill out and send to their library
  o The libraries will still need additional ILL software to process such requests

These issues alone make this product extremely time-consuming for participating libraries and most, if not all, libraries would not have the staff time or staff expertise to use this product.

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