Project Title: Creating a Five Year Strategic Plan for Library Development in the State

of Florida

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This study has the goal of assisting the State Library of Florida with producing a five year plan to be submitted to the U.S. Institute for Museum and Library Services. The study's objectives are to assist the Division of Library and Information Service's efforts to:

- Evaluate current priorities and activities for general library services and programs;
- Identify new priorities and roles that will position the Division and Florida's library community to respond effectively to a changing environment;
- Develop a plan that will be the basis for the coordination of statewide efforts to benefit all libraries and will meet any requirements of the federal LSTA library grant program; and
- Develop evaluation strategies, techniques, and specific measures for proposed goals, outputs, and outcomes.

The study team will assist the staff at the Division of Library and Information Services to craft a plan that will help define the Division's role in library development, the role of other library organizations, and how they will interact to achieve a statewide vision for library development in Florida. Interviews, focus groups, and a statewide survey will be conducted with librarians throughout the state, key State Library staff, library advisory councils and governing boards, and local government officials.

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