



Recommendation from the Technology Policy Committee

★ ACTION ITEM

The joint Technology Policy and ILS Operation Committee recommend that SELCO enter into contract negotiations with AquaBrowser to implement a new, “next generation” catalog, including federated searching of SELCO’s Integrated Library System (ILS) database and other licensed resources.

Estimated cost

- Based on initial discussions with vendor, costs is estimated at approximately \$100,000. Final negotiated price may vary depending upon options requested by the Online Libraries.

Background

- In April, the joint Technology Policy and ILS Operation Committee recommended that SELCO initiate a serious study to identify options and a time line to move to the “next generation” catalog. Based on an initial vendor estimate, the Board approved a study with the understanding that a new catalog could cost upwards of \$200,000.
- After a demo by Endeca on April 17 (which resulted in the initial recommendation), members of the joint Technology Policy and ILS Operation Committee viewed demos by MasterKey on July 17 and on August 21 by AquaBrowser.
- The members of the ILS Operations Committee also undertook patron/staff sampling during September and October giving library patrons/staff the opportunity to search and comment on the catalogs created by the three vendors.
- At their November meeting, the joint Technology Policy and ILS Operation Committee will craft a process for designing the new catalog which will include input from the Online Libraries.
- The AquaBrowser application can be customized to work with the current SELCO ILS. Once created it will be transferable to another ILS or an open source solution when SELCO is ready to migrate from Horizon.
- Several other Horizon libraries in Minnesota are considering AquaBrowser for a new look and feel to their online catalog.
- Funds are available as part of the cash reserves within the current FY 2009 and future budgets sufficient to cover potential expenses.
- For more information on the three vendors and our selection process, check the first of several blog posts by Donovan Lambright, Automation Librarian.
www.selco.info/about-us/studies-reports/salary-study-fy-2008



Estimated Implementation Requirements for Next-Generation Catalogs

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<i>Catalog</i>	<i>Estimated Implementation Time</i>	<i>Estimated Staff for Implementation</i>	<i>Cost Estimate Supplied by Vendor</i>	
Endeca	18-24 months	1-2 committed exclusively to project	Software Purchase (one-time):	\$125,000
			Training (one-time):	\$8,000
			Implementation (one-time):	\$150,000
			Maintenance (ongoing):	\$21,250/year
			TOTAL ONE-TIME COSTS:	\$283,000
			TOTAL ONGOING COSTS:	\$21,250/year
Aquabrowser	4-6 months	1 committed non-exclusively to project	Software Purchase (one-time):	\$35,000
			Additional Content and Skins	\$48,563
			Implementation and Training (one-time):	\$8,750
			Maintenance (ongoing, including first year):	\$7,000/year
			TOTAL ONE-TIME COSTS:	\$99,313
			TOTAL ONGOING COSTS:	\$7,000/year
MasterKey	12 months	1 committed non-exclusively to project	Requested but not supplied; completely negotiable according to vendor	