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REPORT OF THE 2011 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING COMMITTEE

As our members face on-going budget cutbacks, the BQSI-MB Cooperative Purchasing Committee is proud of its work offering Members the opportunity to jointly purchase electronic products they would not otherwise be able to purchase individually. The Committee has continued to maintain agreements with CardiosourcePlus and the Access suite of products from McGraw-Hill.

As part of ongoing discussions with McGraw-Hill, publisher of the Access sites, Members now have the option of purchasing subscriptions to the other McGraw-Hill websites under the same group purchase umbrella contract. These include: AccessMedicine, JAMAevidence, AccessAnesthesiology, OMMBID and USMLEasy.

In 2011, BQSI-MB members jointly purchase but receive individual Access product invoices that come directly from McGraw-Hill. Beginning in 2012, members will no longer share the purchase of concurrent user seats but will purchase these seats directly. Discussions with McGraw-Hill enabled members to receive a discount that did not substantially raise their costs for Access products in 2012; however, in the coming years this discount will become less until it reaches the standard discount received by all other subscribers.

We are very pleased that after years of discussions, BQSI-MB members are now entitled to participate in the HSLANJ (Health Sciences Library Association of New Jersey) Group Licensing Program. Beginning July 2012, Members will be able to participate in this program to purchase electronic resources from McGraw-Hill, OVID, and other vendors. At the Fall BQSI-MB 2011 Meeting, representatives from HSLANJ described the program to members.

During 2011, members also had the chance to review and trial Doody's Review Service, StatDX, and Turning Technologies Group Response System. In most cases, in lieu of a group contract these vendors agreed to be "subscriber sensitive" and allow BQSI-MB members to purchase products and services at a discounted rate depending on how many members participate.

The Committee looks forward to reviewing other products and offering trials and group contracts that will assist its Members in meeting the needs of their end-users.

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