



# DEPOSITORY FOR ELECTRONIC STATE DOCUMENTS

## GOAL

- To enhance the existing State Publications Distribution process to include guidelines for depositing electronic format copies with the State Library, the Library of Congress and other designated state publications depositories. The State has a responsibility to provide permanent public access by managing the entire electronic lifecycle from creation to preservation.

## BACKGROUND

- The South Dakota Codified Laws (14-1A) specifies how and where copies of state publications are to be archived and distributed. The law designates the State Library, the Library of Congress, USD, and BHSU as state documents depositories for print and AV publications.
- Current State statutes do not explicitly incorporate electronic government information into the state documents depository law. Statutory changes need to be identified and agreed upon by the State Library, Attorney General, State Records Management, State Archives, and designated state documents depositories.
- Permanent public access to electronic government information is an indispensable component of E-Government. The July 2003 survey by the Pew Internet & American Life Project shows that 97 million adult Americans, or 77% of Internet users, took advantage of e-gov in 2003.
- South Dakota citizens have a right to access government information regardless of format, to locate it easily and conveniently, and to know that valuable government information accessible today in electronic formats will be preserved and remain available for continuous, permanent public access.

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