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TO: RAILS Board of Trustees

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SUBJECT: Delivery study

As I reported at the last meeting, the Laboratory for Applied Spatial Analysis from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has done an extensive analysis of current delivery services in Illinois and how they might be changed to improve efficiency and lower costs. We met in Springfield on August 22 with staff from the State Library, Illinois Heartland Library System and the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois to discuss the results of the study with LASA and identify next steps.

Staff from LASA will be at the board meeting to present the study and answer questions.

The study could bring significant changes to delivery service and to RAILS. LASA developed different scenarios to determine how to achieve the most efficient delivery service. For example, different locations for our delivery hubs could reduce driving time and costs. At this time, LASA is analyzing data from IHLS in order to develop recommendations for changes to delivery for statewide purposes.