

# MORE Directors Council

September 19, 2025

## Meeting materials

### 10. Discussion and possible action on BiblioCommons contract term

At the July 18 meeting, MORE Directors Council voted to approve the 2026 MORE budget, including continued funding for MORE's two public-facing catalog products from vendor BiblioCommons: BiblioCore (the web-based MORE Catalog), and BiblioApps (the MORE Libraries app).

As we renew our agreement with BiblioCommons for 2026, MORE has the option to enter into a multi-year agreement to commit to ongoing use of their catalog and app products, and ensure predictable cost increases over a few years. Before the end of 2025—at this meeting or the November Directors Council meeting, MORE Directors Council should decide the duration of the agreement with BiblioCommons.

MORE's options are:

	2026 Pricing	2027 Pricing	2028 Pricing	2029 Pricing	2030 Pricing
Option 1	\$59,426				
Option 2	\$59,426	\$61,803	\$64,275		
Option 3	\$59,426	\$61,803	\$64,275	\$66,846	\$69,520



#### Considerations:

- 2027 is the last year of MORE's current 3-year Sierra maintenance agreement. At the end of MORE's ILS Evaluation project, in late 2026 or early 2027, MORE Directors Council will decide whether to switch to a new ILS product for its staff-facing library software or stick with Sierra. The process of switching to a new ILS would take several months and must be completed by the end of 2027.
- Most public catalog software providers will charge a fee for any change to the connected ILS. If MORE opts to make an ILS change while keeping BiblioCommons catalog products for public use. The estimated cost is \$3,000-\$8,000. More broadly, most public catalog software providers will charge a fee for any change to the connected ILS.

- It may be difficult for staff and patrons to manage a change to both the staff-facing ILS software and the public-facing catalog software at the same time.

Because this decision has a budget impact for 2027 and beyond, MORE's budget voting scheme comes into play. From The [MORE Bylaws, Appendix C of the MORE Participation Agreement](#), Article VI, Section 1:

“Votes will be assigned to members in two ways: a single vote for each member library present and a vote based on vote distribution as outlined in Appendix B of the MORE Participation Agreement. Motions on the budget will be decided by three quarter (3/4) majority vote of the member libraries present and three quarter ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) majority vote based on vote distribution. Both majorities are required for a motion on the budget to pass.”