

Common Suite Wind Down/New Resource Bundle

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We are almost at the half-way point of the [Common Suite](#)'s final three-year agreement. In 2021 BC ELN partner libraries collectively agreed to sunset the Common Suite and its all-in (i.e. all libraries participate) approach when the license expires on May 31st, 2024.

The Office heard from many institutions that the resources included in this suite -- at the significant discounts achieved -- are essential to supporting their students. So, while there will no longer be an all-in Common Suite after 2024, the Office is investigating a multi-year bundle of Academic Search (AS) and Business Source (BS), tentatively named the Undergraduate Resource Bundle, for institutions willing to commit to the full term. BC ELN will also explore pricing for institutions that want to opt-in to either an AS license or a BS license.

In the interest of full transparency and support for institutional decision-making, we have created an [information page](#) explaining goals and rationale for this new resource bundle. While we understand that this is one license among many your institution may subscribe to and your time is limited, this is also a unique license for BC ELN that has complexities. The Office's role is to provide as much information and support as is needed.

Next Steps to the Undergraduate Resource Bundle

- **Question and Answer Sessions by Constituency Group:** after institutions have had time to look through the [information page](#), the Office will offer a series of online Q+A sessions to explain BC ELN's negotiation approach and to answer any questions. These sessions will be offered by [constituency group](#), and will be open to any library staff member at the institution involved in licensing (library staff, please check with your library director).
- **Participation Survey:** After completion of the Q+A sessions, BC ELN will conduct a survey to find out which institutions will commit to joining the Undergraduate Resource Bundle. This initial confirmation is to support negotiations, and will not be a financial commitment.
- **Negotiations:** With initial commitment numbers, BC ELN will negotiate with EBSCO to secure the best possible discounts for partner libraries.

After negotiations, BC ELN will provide an update to institutions when pricing is known. Institutions will then have an opportunity to review pricing and terms before a final commitment is required.

Please watch for upcoming Q+A session dates and let us know in the meantime if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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