

**Subject:** Undergraduate Resource Bundle (URB) Renewal Process Launch for 2027-2030  
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**To:** BC ELN Library Directors; ConsortiaManager Primary Licensing Contacts  
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Hello everyone,

We are entering the final term of the three-year agreement for the [Undergraduate Resource Bundle \(URB\)](#), which includes Academic Search Complete and Business Source Complete.

The BC ELN Office previously heard from partner libraries that the resources included in this bundle -- at the significant discounts achieved -- are essential to supporting their students, as are the resulting discounts received on other EBSCO products.

### **Background:**

In 2021, BC ELN partner libraries voted to sunset the previously all-in Common Suite bundle containing Academic Search and Business Source, but the majority of partner libraries still saw great value in licensing both Academic Search and Business Source. As such, BC ELN successfully negotiated the URB, a new multi-year bundle for interested libraries. BC ELN also negotiated opt-in pricing for institutions that did not wish to participate in the URB and licensed Academic Search or Business Source with a standard annual renewal.

### **Current:**

In support of institutional decision-making prior to the renewal of the term, BC ELN has created the attached URB infographic, along with the URB [information pages](#) on our website where supporting information, FAQs, and pricing will be added once available. This is a unique license for BC ELN that has complexities and we want to ensure you have the information and support you need.

### **Next Steps:**

- **Feedback & Participation Survey:** BC ELN will conduct a survey shortly to source feedback on the previous agreement and to find out which partner libraries will commit in principle to subscribing to the Undergraduate Resource Bundle from 2027-2030. This initial confirmation is to support negotiations and will not be a financial commitment.
- **Question and Answer Session:** Once the survey has opened, the Office will offer a Q&A session in June to provide an overview of the bundle and its benefits, BC ELN's negotiation approach, and answer any questions. This session will be open to any library staff member at the institution involved in licensing.

- **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 more information and let us know if you have any questions.

Best,

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