

Chapter II

PURPOSE OF THE PROSPECTUS

The purpose of this Prospectus is to explore and recommend the means by which a feasible comprehensive regional public library facilities and services planning program can be established for the Southeastern Wisconsin Region. This Prospectus is intended to provide sufficient information to permit the county boards, library boards, and other affected governmental agencies to consider the need for, and the benefits and costs of, such a planning program. To this end, the Prospectus is intended to accomplish the following:

1. Establish the need for a comprehensive public library facilities and services planning program for southeastern Wisconsin, considering the unique conditions and problems existing within the Region.
2. Specify the major work elements of a comprehensive regional public library facilities and services planning program. Specifically, the Prospectus is intended to recommend the desirable scope and dimensions of the necessary library planning studies, as well as to explore the necessary data requirements and possible data sources.
3. Recommend the most effective method for establishing, organizing, and accomplishing the required studies and suggest possible roles and responsibilities of the various levels and units of government concerned.
4. Recommend a practical time sequence and schedule for a comprehensive regional library facilities and services planning program, as well as an estimate of the staff requirements necessary to complete the work on schedule and within budgetary limitations.
5. Provide sufficient cost data to permit the development of an initial budget and recommend the funding of the proposed program, having explored possible sources of funds necessary to undertake the program.
6. Determine the extent to which the various levels, units, and agencies of government might participate in the conduct of the library facilities and services planning program.

