

Email to Chief Officer announcing Survey and to designate Key Holder

Dear Chief Officer:

IMLS is pleased to announce that the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAA) data collection will open in January 2013! We anticipate that the survey data will be released in Summer 2013, and statistical reports summarizing the results within one month of the data release.

What's New?

Starting with FY2012, the SLAA survey will be collected every other year. Other than a minor name change (formerly StLA), the survey has changed very little from FY2010. Please see the [FY2010 StLA Survey Questionnaire and Instructions](#) on the IMLS web site for your reference and to help you begin gathering the data that will be collected in January.

Meet our new contractor: the American Institutes for Research

We are pleased to announce that the American Institutes for Research (AIR) will be working with us on the FY2012 SLAA collection. AIR is one of the largest social science research organizations in the world and has been conducting social and behavioral research since 1946. AIR has a long history of designing and supporting federal statistical surveys, particularly for the U.S. Department of Education, and members of their SLAA team worked on the SLAA collection when it was overseen by the National Center for Education Statistics. The AIR SLAA team is currently designing the data collection web-tool and implementing processes to collect and release the FY2012 SLAA data in a timely manner.

What's Next?

Later this year, you will receive emails from AIR providing additional information about the data collection. Please add SLAA@air.org to your email "whitelist" or "safe-senders" list so that you do not miss any important information about the SLAA survey.

Each SLAA should designate a contact person (keyholder) for the FY2012 survey. **Please reply to this email (Kim Miller, kmiller@imls.gov) by COB December 5, 2012 with that person's current contact information, including email, phone, and fax.**

Please let us know if you have questions about the survey or about the information that we will be collecting from you. Watch for additional information about the FY2012 SLAA data collection.

We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,
Carlos Manjarrez
Director, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation