



## Indiana's Office of Management & Budget Issues PROBE Report

Indiana's Office of Management and Budget has issued the PROBE report, *2006 Budgetary and Functional Review of the Executive Branch Agencies and Instrumentalities*. PROBE is an acronym for **Program Results: an Outcome-Based Evaluation**. PROBE, as outlined on page 3, is a "... tool that seeks to ascertain the effectiveness of Indiana state programs in achieving desired results and outcomes while considering the efficiencies in which program services are delivered."

The library community is particularly interested in the parts of the program related to the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority (INCOLSA). The State Library was cited under "A proliferation of State Entities Performing Historical and Cultural Functions." (see page 12-13). INCOLSA was cited as an example of "fiscal unaccountability." (p. 13).

Among the recommendations in Appendix C: Organizational Recommendations are

- 1.) the creation of a single state agency devoted to preservation and promotion of the state's history, arts, and culture;
- 12.) the elimination of general fund appropriation for IHETS
- 13.) the abolition of the librarian certification program;
- 16.) the elimination of the distribution to public libraries;
- 22.) the elimination of the Statewide Library Card Program.
- 25.) redirect INCOLSA activities performed but funded by general fund dollars to the State Library

There is also a recommendation to "redirect activities performed by Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority (INCOLSA) but funded by general fund dollars to the State Library. Funding should be retained by State Library for improved accountability." (see page 45)

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