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FROM: Barbara Tillett, Chair, Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

SUBJECT: Alignment of ISBD and RDA Element Sets; ISBD Area 0 vocabularies as they map to the RDA/ONIX Framework; Review of RDA Appendix D.1

The JSC thanks the ISBD Review Group for producing an updated version of RDA Appendix D.1 (ISBD Presentation). We agree that the wording in D.0 (Scope) is incorrect; this will be revised by the JSC. We note that the text provided by your Review Group predates the current text of RDA. The JSC will analyse of the Review Group's revision in light of the revised and reworded text (published in July 2013). Thank you for this information.

The JSC will add or revise any RDA content in the appendix mapping of ISBD to RDA from element changes in the July 2013 Update of the RDA Toolkit and will send information about those changes to the ISBD RG.

The JSC will replace the content in D.1.3 (Multilevel Description) and instead give a reference to Appendix A in the consolidated edition of ISBD. Would it be possible to get a link that is direct to that Appendix in the PDF version of the ISBD?

We have decided that the revisions to appendix D will be included in the April update to the RDA Toolkit.

The JSC's long-range plan is to remove the content now in Appendix D to either the Tools tab of the RDA Toolkit or to point to the ISBD-to-RDA mapping when that has been published.

The JSC will establish an RDA-to-ISBD mapping.

The JSC would like to propose working together with your Group to establish a protocol for our mutual endeavours. Such a protocol would also keep each of us updated to changes in RDA and in ISBD in a timely manner. This will further the spirit of interoperability that has been our mutual tradition.