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Amigos Library Services Selected to Handle Association Management Services of the Louisiana Library Association

Dallas, TX – Following Executive Board approval and an engaging transition period, Amigos Library Services (Amigos) and the Louisiana Library Association (LLA) are pleased to announce that Amigos has been officially hired for professional association management services. Amigos will assist LLA in membership and board management along with administrative, communications and event support services such as the Association's annual conference. The LaSSAL Conference 2019 will convene at the Hotel Bentley, Alexandria, LA on October 7, 2019 with planning committees support provided by Amigos.

"As we've continued to grow, we have been looking for a management service that would be able to assist us while simultaneously helping us take more ownership of the organization and our activities. With their track record and having received several recommendations, we decided that Amigos was the perfect fit for us," shared LLA President Sonnet Ireland. "Everyone we've worked with there has been friendly, organized, and eager to help us achieve our goals. I'm excited about our future with Amigos."

Through close collaboration, LLA and Amigos are confident that they will better serve their members while advancing the missions of bother organizations. One of LLA's core goals is to "continue to provide high quality library services, collections, and facilities, which are fully adequate to support instruction, research, self-education, and pleasure reading in order that the citizens of Louisiana may be well-informed and able to achieve full self-development." As more associations make the transition to embrace the association management model, it is common to see partnerships like this with library related organizations across the country.

"We are excited to be joining forces with our neighbors to the East and help them grow. We can already see that their openness to collaboration and change will help the partnership go far. As our largest Association Management client, we are looking forward to leveraging our expertise to grow and strengthen their association even further to better serve the great state of Louisiana," commented Alan Kornblau, President and CEO of Amigos Library Services.

About Louisiana Library Association

Since 1925, The Louisiana Library Association has been promoting the library interests of Louisiana. The organization is dedicated to keeping its members informed of developments in the library field through their various listservs and their journal, Louisiana Libraries. In addition to its Annual Conference, LLA offers a variety of events and conferences through its different sections, such as the Louisiana Association of School Librarians Fall Summits, the Louisiana Support Staff Association of Libraries Conference, and the Louisiana Virtual Academic Conference.

About Amigos Library Services

Amigos is one of the largest consortia of libraries and cultural heritage institutions in the United States. For more than 40 years, Amigos members have collaborated to obtain affordable services and shared library resources and knowledge. Through membership in Amigos, libraries collectively gain access to the latest innovations and services in the library community; pursue opportunities for continuing professional education; and leverage their buying power. This collaboration strengthens each member's ability to serve and lead its community in the creative and effective use of information resources. <u>www.amigos.org</u>

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