# Statewide Databases in Massachusetts

## Current Contract

### Basic Information

The last statewide databases RFP took place during FY17, and began at the start of FY18. The current procurement will expire on June 30, 2022.

### Budget (Approximate):

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| Fiscal Year | Amount |
| FY18 | $1.4 million |
| FY19 | $1.4 million |
| FY20 | $1.8 million |
| FY21 | $2.2 million |
| FY22 | $2.2 million |

### Current Vendors:

We are currently contracted with three vendors:

Encyclopedia Britannica

* Britannica Library Suite:
  + Britannica Library Reference Center
  + Britannica Library: Young Adults
  + Britannica Library: Children
* Online School Edition:
  + Elementary School Edition
  + Middle School Edition
  + High School Edition
* Britannica Fundamentals (Learning Zone)
* Spanish Edition: Escolar (K-8)
  + Spanish Edition: Elementary
  + Spanish Edition: Middle

ProQuest

* The Boston Globe
* Science Database
* Research Companion
* HeritageQuest

Gale Cengage

* Academic OneFile (Gale)
  + Agriculture (Gale OneFile)
  + Business (Gale OneFile)
  + Communications and Mass Media (Gale OneFile)
  + Criminal Justice (Gale OneFile)
  + Culinary Arts (Gale OneFile)
  + Diversity Studies (Gale OneFile)
  + Economics and Theory (Gale OneFile)
  + Educator's Reference Complete (Gale OneFile)
  + Environmental Studies and Policy (Gale OneFile)
  + Entrepreneurship (Gale OneFile)
  + Fine Arts (Gale OneFile)
  + Gardening and Horticulture (Gale OneFile)
  + Gender Studies (Gale OneFile)
  + Health and Medicine (Gale OneFile)
  + High School Edition (Gale OneFile)
  + Home Improvement (Gale OneFile)
  + Hospitality and Tourism (Gale OneFile)
  + Information Science (Gale OneFile)
  + Insurance and Liability (Gale OneFile)
  + Military and Intelligence (Gale OneFile)
  + News (Gale OneFile)
  + Nursing and Allied Health (Gale OneFile)
  + Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine (Gale OneFile)
  + Pop Culture Studies (OneFile)
  + Popular Magazines (Gale OneFile)
  + Psychology (Gale OneFile)
  + Religion and Philosophy (Gale OneFile)
  + Science (Gale OneFile)
  + U.S. History (Gale OneFile)
  + Vocations and Careers (Gale OneFile)
  + War and Terrorism (Gale OneFile)
  + World History (Gale OneFile)
* Academic OneFile Select (Gale)
* General OneFile (Gale)
* Biography (Gale in Context)
* Elementary School (Gale in Context)
* Middle School (Gale in Context)
* Global Issues (Gale in Context)
* Opposing Viewpoints (Gale in Context)
* Science (Gale in Context)
* U.S. History (Gale In Context)
* World History (Gale In Context)
* Entrepreneurship (Gale Business)
* Health and Wellness (Gale)
* Literature Resource Center
* New York Times, The
* Peterson’s Career Prep (Gale Presents)
* Power Search (Gale)
* Power Search - Publication Search (Gale)

## Next Procurement

### Basic Information

* The next database contract(s) must be completed before the start of FY23, on July 1, 2022.
* We’re expecting to again negotiate for 5 years (because of the complexity of the process), but will be looking to have shorter renewals (yearly) in case we want to make changes.
* This RFR will be more open-ended; we’re hoping to get a variety of responses for single databases as well as larger collections.

### Budget

This is the biggest question mark. The MBLC was fortunate to receive substantial increases in the line item from which the databases are funded in both 2019 and 2020. The line has now more or less recovered from a devastating cut following the 2008 financial crisis. However, there is still a great deal of uncertainty surrounding the FY22 and FY23 budgets (the latter of which would be the budget for the first year of the new contract). Our hope is that the amount of money available to commit to the next set of contracts will remain at or above current levels.

### Information we need

* What do librarians think of current offerings?
* What do librarians see as core database needs?
* Do libraries of all types agree on these?
* Are there other eResources outside of traditional databases we should look at?