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The University of Illinois at Chicago Library of the Health Sciences
Wins NLM Contract

The National Library of Medicine has announced the award of a \$6.289 million contract to the University of Illinois at Chicago. The five-year contract goes to the UIC Library of the Health Sciences to provide services to the ten states within the Greater Midwest Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

Coordinated by the National Library of Medicine, the National Network of Libraries of Medicine is a nationwide network of libraries and information centers. Its mission is to advance the progress of medicine and improve the public health by providing all US health professionals with equal access to biomedical information and improving the public's access to information to enable them to make informed decisions about their health. The UIC Library of the Health Sciences has provided services to the Midwest region since 1979 and is one of eight Regional offices for the National Library of Medicine.

“We are pleased that UIC is continuing to serve as the Regional Medical Library for the Greater Midwest Region” said Susan Jacobson, Assistant University Librarian for the Health Sciences and Director of the Greater Midwest Region. “The new contract offers exciting opportunities for innovative ventures to ensure that health care providers and consumers have access to quality health care information.”

The UIC Library of the Health Sciences is the largest library devoted to health sciences in the Midwest and one of the five largest health sciences libraries in the country. The collection includes over 672,000 volumes, 3,700 currently received print periodicals, a large media collection, and a growing collection of full-text electronic resources and databases. The Library supports instruction, research and patient care programs in the six professional schools at the University of Illinois Medical Center, as well as the UIC hospital and clinics. With the central library in Chicago and three regional sites in Peoria, Rockford and Urbana, LHS is in a unique position to understand and provide for the health information needs of urban and rural health professionals and consumers.