

## Research Information Management Systems Task Force

### Charge

The Research Information Management Systems (RIMS) Task Force is charged to review the current state of UM's RIMS environment, identify product owners and stakeholders, and make recommendations regarding current needs and preferred investments. The Task Force will also advise on a longer-term strategy for ensuring financial and human resource sustainability and system coordination for the longer-term. These recommendations should reflect broad input among the stakeholders.

### Context

The research enterprise at UM is supported by a range of information systems that have historically been selected, managed and funded by different units in a fully decentralized manner. Internal stakeholders for these systems include programs such as the Office of Hemispheric and Global Affairs, Deans of the Schools and Colleges, Provost Office, among others. External stakeholders for the enterprise and the systems supporting it include funders, researchers and the public.

The market for such systems is growing rapidly – new services and products are emerging that create new possibilities and with different values and pricing structures. There is also some level of vertical service integration occurring with a smaller number of large players creating suites of interoperating services. In this context it is important to ensure that the University is making decisions regarding research information management that are financially sustainable, provide the best functionality, and reduce the possibility for redundant input and data flows. These outcomes require a degree of coordination across units.

### Composition:

1. RESEARCH John Bixby
2. ULINK Susan Morgan
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Attachment: RIMS Market with UM Licenses noted