The New York Library Association (NYLA) seeks proposals for the completion of a study of the economic impact of public libraries in New York State.

**Scope**
NYLA seeks to have data drawn from a variety of sources, including (but not limited to) annual reporting data collected by the NYS Library, Division of Library Development, the US Census, the NYS Economic Development Corporation, and others, to demonstrate the economic impact of public libraries. The intended product of this project is a report examining the collected data sets and presenting any statistically significant findings. The report would examine both direct and indirect economic impacts, and specifically examine the return on investment of public spending.

**Deliverables**
The selected consultant will prepare a report that includes:
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Methods
- Results
- Discussion
- Acknowledgments
- Literature / Materials Cited

**Timeline**
- February 1, 2016: Proposals Due to NYLA
- March 1, 2016: Contract Awarded
- March 2016: Planning meeting to review data sources and intended project parameters
- April 15, 2016: Draft Report Due / Review Meeting
- May 1, 2016: Final Report Due

**Application Process**
To apply, please submit a statement of interest electronically to NYLA via the address below. Proposals should include at least two work samples, two professional references, a detailed statement of all related fees, and any applicable experience working with economic impact data. The selected consultant will be considered an independent contractor and shall not be considered an employee of the New York Library Association, nor shall be entitled to any of the benefits available to employees, including, but not limited to, eligibility for unemployment insurance, workers compensation and disability insurance.

Submit proposals as PDF by February 1, 2016 to:
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