

Subject: 2011 White House RFI on public access

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I am writing in regards to the Request for Information (RFI), asking individuals and organizations to provide recommendations on approaches for broad public access and long-term stewardship to peer-reviewed scholarly publications that result from federally funded scientific research. I wished to provide a response that suggests all peer-reviewed publications resulting exclusively from federally funded research be placed in to the public domain immediately upon completion. My rationale is that all deliverables from federally funded research, including publications, should be released to the public except when doing so jeopardizes national security. Regarding the management of these publications, I would suggest that the United State government be held directly responsible for archival management of all publications and that access to that archive be free and widespread. Ideally, in the so-called information age, this requires an Internet database/catalogue of the electronic form of the delivered, peer-reviewed publications. If these publications are also submitted to commerical journal databases, then the USG maintains the right to reproduce and republish those articles accordingly.

Thanks,
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