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Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to you on behalf of CDL: Heads of Profession for Library and Information Managers in response to the "Transformational Government: Enabled by Technology" consultation paper. We very much welcome the opportunity to input to your thinking in this area. CDL's remit and vision are attached to this letter.

As a professional group we have worked with the e-Government Unit and its predecessor bodies particularly in relation to the development of information standards, notably the e-government metadata standards and the development of the Integrated Public Sector Vocabulary. Many members of our professional work on and manage the development of departmental internet sites, knowledge management systems and input to the development of electronic services to the public. We are also often responsible for the policy in government departments for Freedom of Information and Privacy. We very much welcome the broad direction of this paper, building on previous successes and learning from the lessons of developments so far.

However, although technology is a great enabler, it is wholly dependent on the quality and appropriateness of the data which is entered and stored on these systems and you rightly highlight many of these issues in your paper. As the professional group in government with the expertise in this area we would welcome the opportunity to develop the relationship we have had with you in the past and to establish new ways for our expertise to be integrated into your strategies.

We would propose a meeting between a small team from CDL and yourselves to identify how we can take this forward.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary, Committee of Departmental Librarians.