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**VALID Value Proposition**

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VALID Vision: To be VALE’s catalyst in transforming the role of New Jersey libraries in higher education through the use of a shared information technology infrastructure

VALID Strategies: Reduce duplicative efforts, eliminate information/service silos, and engage in enterprise-level collaboration

VALID Deliverables: By leveraging the shared information technology infrastructure VALID will deliver the following:

* Reduced cost of library operations in:
  + Resource sharing (ILL)
  + Cataloging
  + Acquisitions
  + Reference
  + Systems (software, hardware, maintenance)
* Easy access to state-wide collections
* State-wide academic library borrower card
* A more comprehensive research collection through reduced duplication
* Freed-up resources (staff, space and financial) for more strategic/transformative services
  + Student learning enhancement
  + Support for online education
  + Space for transformative uses through a last copy retention plan and weeding
  + Faculty research support (for example, data preservation, open access journals, digital humanities, etc.)
  + State-wide institutional repository
  + Industry-university partnerships