

Dear EAR committee members,

As librarians that work closely with business colleges within the California State University System, we were disappointed to hear that the EAR committee had been considering a downgrade from Business Source Premier to Business Source Elite in the ECC.

Unlike students in other fields of study, undergraduate and graduate business students rely heavily on non-periodical information sources such as industry reports. Whereas Business Source Premier provides, among other resources, full-text access to MarketLine Industry Profiles and MarketLine Country Profiles, Business Source Elite does not. These reports are current, relevant, and provide unique national and international coverage. They are popular and very highly-valued by business students and business faculty, a population that is large on many CSU campuses.

In addition to the unique coverage of non-periodical information that Business Source Premier provides, Business Source Premier also offers more PDF scans of articles that include images from key trade publications than the other business article aggregators. For example, current coverage and images from *WWD*, formerly *Women's Wear Daily*, that are available in Business Source Premier will be lost in the downgrade. The images from the PDF scans are a vital resource for anyone doing serious research on the fashion industry.

Lastly, four of the 23 campuses in the CSU system, SF State, SJSU, Sacramento State, and Fresno State, have upgraded their EBSCO Business Source packages to either Complete or Ultimate, and downgrading the Business Source package in the ECC would adversely affect these campuses.

Therefore, we urge the EAR to reconsider its decision to downgrade Business Source Premier to Business Source Elite.

Respectfully yours,

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