Recipe for a Collaborative Resource…

- Take one shared vision: digitization, preservation, and open access of U.S. government technical reports

- Fold in a collaborative team of engineering and government document librarians:
  - Baylor University, Colorado State University, Cornell University, GWLA, Kansas State University, Oklahoma State University, Rice University, University of Arizona, University of Arkansas, University of Colorado, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, University of New Mexico, University of Utah, University of Washington

- Stir in support and participation from CRL, OCLC, Google, government agencies, plus Stanford, Michigan and other contributing schools

  - In support of the effort, libraries at public and private universities as well as for profit and non-profit organizations stepped forward offering to share their resources and seeking greater project involvement. As TRAIL developed so too did a national meta-community founded by a gift culture that solves problems by emphasizing each participant’s willingness to give towards achieving the shared vision.

- Blend well

  - By capitalizing on the strengths and contributions of each institution and matching project costs with allowing institutions to participate in ways that have best matched their strengths, resources, and institutional priorities.

- Yield: Technical Report Archive and Image Library (TRAIL)

  - The collaborative content activities have yielded physical and digital Technical Report archives by providing participatory opportunities to all libraries regardless of geographic location and by allowing participants to self-determine roles including the ability to choose more than one role while simultaneously matching institutional priorities.

- Serves: Everyone!

- And frees up valuable collection & user space!

Recipe Cost:

Average cost account for shipping, cataloging, and scanning:
- Avg. Yearly Funding for project: $128,000
- Avg. cost per item: $11.94
- Avg. cost per page: $0.13

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“Please pass on my great appreciation to all those who have put together this very valuable service.”

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