# Appendix B: Definitions of Tiers 1, 2, 3

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The concept of tier designations is used by the UC Libraries for collection licensing. To ensure we had a shared understanding of these terms, the project team drafted working definitions since these terms were not defined in the charge.

* **Tier 1**: CDL negotiated and managed licensed resources. Ideally all 10 campuses participate or 9 campuses without UCSF. There are cases where a resource may have less than full participation.
* **Tier 2**: Four or more campuses. License and business terms are negotiated and signed by a campus or have a campus coordinator. CDL manages payment and lifecycle tasks for most Tier 2's.
* **Tier 3**: Campus negotiated and managed licensed resources. Campus manages payment as well as lifecycle activities such as cataloging, tracking (e.g., inclusion in a local electronic resource management system), and activating UC-eLinks for the resource. Each campus has an acquisitions liaison.

**Extended definition of Tier 2:** Campus negotiates license and business terms as well as signing the license. Typically, Tier 2 campus coordinators continue to negotiate renewals/licensing while CDL makes payments, records entry in ERMS, configures SFX as well as SCP cataloging.  At times, resources no longer have a campus coordinator in which case it falls to CDL to negotiate renewals but licensing still continues to reside at the campus level.

"CDL-managed" refers to resources tracked in the CDL ERMS portal: <http://qc6mn3ja7m.search.serialssolutions.com>

The official Tiers definition is on the CDL website: <http://www.cdlib.org/services/collections/tiers.html>