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The data from the IPEDS Academic Libraries Survey is an extremely valuable source of information for benchmarking analysis, and thus the survey must be retained. Eliminating the Academic Library Survey from IPEDS will eliminate free access to a vital source of data and a key comparison tool for all academic libraries, both large and small. This survey provides academic libraries with the data necessary to engage in analysis that can result in substantive improvement to services that strengthen our colleges and universities by supporting teaching, learning and research