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Fifteen Finalists Named for Building Better Communities Awards

SirsiDynix will give US\$10,000 to five library organizations for innovative uses of new technology

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., June 6, 2006 – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced today that the Building Better Communities Awards committee has narrowed a list of approximately 130 nominated libraries down to 15 finalists seeking recognition for innovative uses of new technology to improve their user communities.

The committee, consisting of independent library leaders from throughout Canada and the United States, will select five North American libraries to receive US\$10,000 each for their creativity and accomplishments. Through the Building Better Communities Awards, SirsiDynix seeks to recognize library organizations that create better places to live, work and learn, while encouraging libraries everywhere to follow the examples of these outstanding institutions.

Award recipients will be announced at the upcoming American Library Association Annual Conference in New Orleans. The awards ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2006, in the Oak Alley Room of the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Two Poydras St.

The finalists, in alphabetical order, are: Atlanta-Fulton County Public Library, Atlanta; Calgary Public Library, Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Delaware County Community College Library, Media, Pa.; Hamilton Public Library, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; Hancock County Library System, Bay St. Louis, Miss.; INFOhio, Columbus, Ohio; Kenton County Public Library, Covington, Ky.; Lansing (Ill.) Public Library; Memphis (Tenn.) Public Library & Information Center; North Carolina State University Libraries, Raleigh, N.C.; New Mexico State Library, Santa Fe, N.M.; Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, N.C.; Scientific and Technical Information Center (STIC) of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Alexandria, Va.; Vick Knight Community Library, Elsinore, Calif.; Wichita (Kan.) Public Library.

“It’s been delightful to have a chance to review the nominations and to see the myriad ways in which libraries of all kinds – public, academic, state and special, large and small, rural and urban – are making extraordinary contributions to their communities,” said Clifford A. Lynch, executive director of the Coalition of Networked Information and an adviser to the awards panel. “I really welcome the Building Better Communities Awards as a way of both showcasing and honoring these contributions.”

To learn more about the Building Better Communities finalists and the work in their communities, visit www.sirsidynix.com/awards.

NOTE TO EDITORS: The Building Better Communities Awards ceremony is open to the media. Photographs of the recipients will be available after the event. If you plan to attend the ceremony, please contact Lebron Miles, corporate communications director, at lebron.miles@sirsidynix.com or (256) 704-7152.

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