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### **Stephen Abram Named Chief Strategist of the SirsiDynix Institute**

**HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Nov. 6, 2006** – The SirsiDynix Institute, a forum for professional development in the library community, announced today that Stephen Abram, vice president of Innovation at SirsiDynix, was recently named chief strategist for the SirsiDynix Institute. Abram will continue in his role as vice president of Innovation at SirsiDynix.

The SirsiDynix Institute is an ongoing forum for professional development in the library community. The Institute monitors library industry trends and issues of concern to the library community. The Institute will utilize Abram's renown nationally and internationally to attract speakers that are industry leaders in the industry for the Institute's webinars, executive conference and other events. Abram will also assist in developing themes and topics for these events and will continue to speak and represent both SirsiDynix and the SirsiDynix Institute at national and international library and technology events.

A leading, international librarian, Abram has been with SirsiDynix since 2004. Abram has more than 25 years of experience with libraries, both as a practicing librarian and in the information industry. He is a frequent keynote speaker on issues that affect libraries, their communities and librarians. Abram is the president-elect of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) and is set to serve as president of SLA beginning 2008. He is a Fellow of SLA, and, in June 2003, he was awarded SLA's highest honor, the John Cotton Dana Award. Abram is also the past president of the Canadian Library Association and was president of the Ontario Library Association in 2002.

"The SirsiDynix Institute has been near and dear to my heart since its inception," said Abram. The Institute reaches out to the library community as a whole and is not tied to particular technologies. Not all in the community share the same technologies; they do,

however, share the same concerns, hopes and visions for their libraries. I look forward to working even more closely with the SirsiDynix Institute to continue to grow and expand its reach and impact throughout the industry.”

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**Note to Editors:**

Photographs of Stephen Abram are available for download at  
<http://www.sirsidynix.com/Newsevents/Pressroom/logousage.php>

**About the SirsiDynix Institute**

The SirsiDynix Institute was founded by Dynix in 2003 and is funded by SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions. The SirsiDynix Institute is a forum for professional development in the library community. Monthly webinars, the SirsiDynix Institute Executive Conference and other events provide librarians with access to industry leaders and a forum to keep up to date on relevant issues and trends impacting libraries. The mission of the SirsiDynix Institute is to support librarianship and advance the work of librarians around the world. The focus of the SirsiDynix Institute is on library issues, not products. More information on the SirsiDynix Institute is available at **[www.sirsidynixinstitute.com](http://www.sirsidynixinstitute.com)**.

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