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**SirsiDynix Building Better Communities Awards Expand Internationally****Libraries from around the world to be recognized; prize pool expanded to six \$10,000 awards**

**SEATTLE, Jan. 19, 2007**– SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced today that it is expanding its Building Better Communities Awards program to include libraries from around the world, as well as increasing the awards' monetary pool to US\$60,000. The Building Better Communities Awards recognize libraries for innovative uses of new technology to improve their user community and experience.

Six SirsiDynix client library organizations will each receive US\$10,000 based on creativity and accomplishments in serving their communities. Award recipients will be announced at the American Library Association Annual Conference in June. Nominations should be submitted online at [www.sirsidynix.com/awards](http://www.sirsidynix.com/awards). The deadline for nominations is Monday, April 16, 2007.

“The response to the inaugural Building Better Communities Awards last year was so overwhelming that SirsiDynix has decided to not only continue the program, but to expand it,” said Patrick Sommers, SirsiDynix chief executive officer. “The program’s first year was limited, and only customer libraries from North America were eligible. But based on tremendous response and on input from our customers, all of our customers – regardless of location – are now eligible. To accommodate this larger entry base, we have expanded the number of prizes from five to six and the amount of award money from \$50,000 to \$60,000.

“Libraries that take initiative often receive very little credit – and even less money,” Sommers added. “The goal of the Building Better Communities Awards is to change those facts. Libraries are keys to improving their user communities, whether that’s a municipality, a campus or an office. As evidenced by previous award recipients, technology can help libraries create even better places to live, work and learn.”

About 130 libraries were nominated for the 2006 Building Better Communities Awards. Fifteen finalists were announced in early June, and five recipients were honored during a ceremony at ALA Annual in New Orleans a few weeks later. The 2006 recipients are: Calgary Public Library, Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Delaware County Community College, Media, Pa.; Hamilton Public Library, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; Hancock County Library System, Bay St. Louis, Miss.; and INFOhio, Columbus, Ohio.

An independent panel of library leaders from around the world will select award recipients and finalists. Selection committee members will be named soon, and they will represent a cross-section of libraries.

The 2007 Building Better Communities Awards announcement was made today at the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting in Seattle.

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SirsiDynix is the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries – vital institutions whose primary mission is to make sense of the vast world of information for people and communities. This is an exciting role as libraries assist people in discovering and using knowledge, resources and other valuable content for their educations, jobs and entertainment. In concert with key industry partners, SirsiDynix supports this strategic role for libraries by offering a comprehensive integrated suite of technology solutions for improving the internal productivity of libraries and enhancing their capabilities for meeting the needs of people and communities. SirsiDynix has approximately 4,000 library and consortia clients, serving more than 300 million people through more than 20,000 library outlets in the Americas, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia-Pacific. For more information, please see [www.sirsidynix.com](http://www.sirsidynix.com).

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