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## Selection Panel Named for 2007 SirsiDynix Building Better Communities Awards

Diverse panel will choose organizations based on enterprising uses of technology

**HUNTSVILLE, Ala., April 4, 2007** – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced today the library leaders who will select recipients of the 2007 Building Better Communities Awards, a program recognizing libraries for creative and enterprising uses of technology to improve their user communities.

SirsiDynix client library organizations from around the world are eligible for the Building Better Communities Awards. Six 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.

The 2007 Building Better Communities Awards selection committee of 14 includes the following library professionals: **Theresa Fredericka**, executive director, INFOhio, Columbus, Ohio; **Robert Gent**, assistant director of Cultural and Community Services, Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire County, United Kingdom; **Bernie Hawke**, Library Services manager, Dunedin Public Libraries, New Zealand; **Ellen Humphrey**, assistant director, Calgary Public Library, Calgary, Alberta, Canada; **Christine Mackenzie**, chief executive officer, Yarra Plenty Regional Library, Melbourne, Australia; **Gina Millsap**, executive director, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, Kan.; and **Anne E.C. Norman**, director and state librarian, Delaware Division of Libraries/State Library, Dover, Del.

Other members are **Karen Rege**, director of Library Services, Delaware County Community College Library, Media, Pa.; **Ken Roberts**, director, Hamilton Public Library, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; **Prima Plauche**, former director, Hancock County Library System, Bay St. Louis, Miss.; **Dr. Shawky Salem**, chairman, Alex Centre for Multimedia and Libraries, Alexandria University and Arab Beirut University; **Ellen Strbak**, Legal Resources/ILS program administrator, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Washington, D.C.; **Jeffrey Trzeciak**, university librarian, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; and **David Warren**, director, Richland County Public Library, Columbia, S.C.

Stephen Abram, SirsiDynix vice president of Innovation, and an adviser to the selection committee, said: "We are looking forward to reading about the exciting projects that libraries throughout the world have undertaken. Each year we are both thrilled and humbled to learn of the many ways that libraries are having a positive impact on communities and people all over the world. We are grateful to those who have graciously accepted our invitation to serve on the selection committee. The members of this committee are true representatives of the mission of the Building Better Communities Award – they are leading their organizations through innovative methods and styles and driving the industry into the future through their talents and the successes of their organizations."

To learn more about the Building Better Communities Awards, visit [www.sirsidynix.com/awards](http://www.sirsidynix.com/awards).

Nominations for the Building Better Communities Awards should be submitted online at [http://www.sirsidynix.com/Company/bbc\\_awards.php#form](http://www.sirsidynix.com/Company/bbc_awards.php#form). The deadline for nominations is Monday, April 16, 2007.

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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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