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Westminster Libraries Choose SirsiDynix Unicorn

LONDON, Aug. 14, 2006 – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced today that Westminster City Council in the United Kingdom has selected the SirsiDynix Unicorn® Library Management System to replace its current system across all 12 libraries. Unicorn will be launched in January 2007 and will pave the way for the implementation of cutting-edge technology across the service during the next few years.

David Ruse, Westminster City Council director of libraries, said: “The implementation of a new system is part of our continued improvement journey here in Westminster, and we are excited about the real benefits we can offer our customers and staff. SirsiDynix Unicorn represents a significant step-change in functionality for the library service, being a next-generation product. It presents us with an opportunity to manage libraries more efficiently and deliver enhanced, high-quality services to our customers both within our libraries and, via the Internet, in the comfort of their own homes.”

Peter Gethin, SirsiDynix managing director for Europe, Middle East and Africa, said: “Westminster City Council is one of many library services recognising the value of upgrading to newer-generation strategic technology solutions. SirsiDynix, like libraries, is committed to delivering solutions that better help communities in their quest for information and knowledge.”

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About SirsiDynix

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.

About Westminster Libraries

Westminster Libraries serve a population of 230,000 via 12 libraries. About 2.3 million items are loaned each year to more than 80,000 members. Westminster Library services are delivered electronically 24 hours a day and include full access to the library catalogue with members able to issue, renew and place holds on stock.

The online “Libraries Gateway” provides an excellent selection of electronic resources which are available to library members through the Council’s web-site, www.westminster.gov.uk/libraries.

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