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**San Diego Public Library Chooses SirsiDynix Unicorn®, Enterprise Portal Solution™****Large urban system opts for Software as a Service and same technology as upcoming “Rome”**

**HUNTSVILLE, Ala., May 21, 2007** – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced today it has signed a multiyear contract with San Diego Data Processing Corp., on behalf of the City of San Diego Public Library, to migrate the library system to SirsiDynix Unicorn®.

As part of the agreement, SirsiDynix will manage and host San Diego’s new Unicorn system via the company’s Software as a Service (SaaS) offering. San Diego Public Library also will implement the SirsiDynix Enterprise Portal Solution™/Rooms solution to create a one-stop interface to its catalog, databases, digital archives and other library resources and services.

“SirsiDynix Unicorn is a proven integrated library system,” said Brad Whittle, SirsiDynix vice president for North America. “With a system the size of San Diego Public Library’s – more than 7 million items circulated in a year – the ILS must be able to handle such a volume and provide library users with the service they expect. Unicorn is scalable and flexible enough to meet San Diego’s current needs, as well as expand with the library in the future.”

Whittle said the SaaS approach chosen by San Diego Public Library helps libraries meet the challenges of staying up to date with ever-changing technologies, as well as decrease hardware expenses by using SirsiDynix server and storage capabilities. The city-created San Diego Data Processing Corp. currently provides technology services to the library system, and the nonprofit corporation is working closely with SirsiDynix to ensure a smooth transition.

“By choosing SirsiDynix and the SaaS delivery option, the library will have experts from the company who designed the system actually maintaining and updating it,” Whittle said. “SirsiDynix offers the level of service, capacity, performance and disaster recovery required to support such a complex system.”

The SirsiDynix SaaS offering adds valuable services – such as capacity on demand, redundant systems, disaster recovery and 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week, 365-day-a-year support – as well as reducing total cost of ownership. An analysis by SirsiDynix shows that customers choosing the SaaS delivery model reduce their total cost of ownership by, on average, 39 percent over buying, implementing and managing their own systems. “This is extremely important in a time of budget restrictions and staff strain,” Whittle said.

Once live in fall 2007, San Diego Public Library will become the largest urban system to choose the SirsiDynix SaaS service. “No site is too large or too small,” Whittle said. “More than 550 SirsiDynix customers in public, academic, consortia, K-12 and special libraries around the world are using our SaaS offering. Their staffs are now free of purchasing, implementation and day-to-day systems duties and can focus on providing service to their library users.”

In March, SirsiDynix announced a new technology platform, code-named “Rome.” The platform is built on the proven, scalable and extensible architecture of the industry-standard Unicorn Library Management System and will include an impressive set of new solutions created as part of SirsiDynix Horizon 8.0/Corinthian development.

Rome offers integrated technology building blocks for today’s libraries and consortia, including cost-saving SaaS hosted options, state-of-the-art portal and search solutions, new and easy-to-manage Web-based library staff software, electronic content management and presentation solutions, the broadest suite of library management and productivity solutions – and more. The first version of Rome will be released later this year.

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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](http://www.sirsidynix.com).

#### **About the City of San Diego Public Library**

The City of San Diego Public Library system serves more than 1.3 million residents of San Diego. It consists of the Central Library, 34 branches, a literacy program office and the Environmental Services Library. In 2006, the system had more than 6 million visitors and circulated more than 7 million items. The library was one of the first major library systems in the United States to offer free wireless Internet access at all of its locations. For more information, please see [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

#### **About San Diego Data Processing Corp.**

San Diego Data Processing Corp. is a nonprofit corporation formed by the San Diego City Council in 1979. It provides quality, cost-effective IT services for the benefit of the city of San Diego, resulting in better services for the citizens of San Diego. San Diego Data Processing Corp. provides information technology and telecommunications services to most city agencies, as well as other local agencies. For more information, please see [www.sddpc.org](http://www.sddpc.org).