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SirsiDynix and FAST Partner to Enhance Search and Research Solution for Thousands of Libraries

FAST InStream™ OEM enterprise search solution enables SirsiDynix Rooms to perform searches with increased efficiency and speed

BOSTON, March 22, 2006 – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, and Fast Search & Transfer™ (FAST™), the leading developer of enterprise search technologies and solutions, today announced an OEM partnership to enhance the search capabilities of SirsiDynix Rooms™. Rooms will be integrated with FAST InStream™, an OEM-specific enterprise search solution developed specifically to meet the complex application-based search requirements of independent software vendors (ISVs).

Rooms is a sophisticated Web solution that enables library users to discover and gather high-quality information according to subject area and then present that content in virtual spaces or “rooms.” SirsiDynix will incorporate FAST’s enterprise search solution into SirsiDynix Rooms, providing a superior search and research capability to libraries, academia and consortia in library settings as well as community Web sites.

“Our partnership with FAST is one of the many ways we’re working with key industry leaders to provide a comprehensive integrated technology environment for libraries,” said Patrick Sommers, SirsiDynix chief executive officer. “Libraries depend on SirsiDynix Rooms to collect, connect and present valuable content – no matter the source – to meet people’s needs. Partnering with FAST further enhances this solution, providing advanced linguistic capabilities, a faster query response time and additional tools for customization. In addition, FAST’s enterprise search platform is flexible and fully scalable allowing us to meet the demands of our customers for many years to come.”

“For libraries, the need to efficiently and systematically sort through massive amounts of data creates a number of challenges,” said Ali I. Riaz, president of FAST. “With FAST InStream, SirsiDynix can offer today’s libraries a comprehensive search solution to help their customers find the information they need, when they need it.”

FAST InStream, FAST’s enterprise search solution specifically designed for embedded delivery, is designed to increase the value of enterprise applications and boost ROI for the partner’s customers by leveraging the

power of FAST Enterprise Search Platform (FAST ESP™) technology. Supporting both structured and unstructured data, FAST InStream provides unique value across all types of software applications, and will be an asset for SirsiDynix customers seeking highly-relevant data fast.

The announcement was made at the Public Library Association (PLA) National Conference in the Hynes Convention Center.

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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 FAST

FAST is the leading developer of enterprise search technologies and solutions that are behind the scenes at the world's best known companies with the most demanding search problems. FAST's flexible and scalable enterprise search platform (FAST ESP) elevates the search capabilities of enterprise customers and connects people to the relevant information they seek regardless of medium. This drives revenues and reduces total cost of ownership by effectively leveraging IT infrastructure. FAST's solutions are used by more than 2,600 global customers and partners, including America Online (AOL), Cardinal Health, CareerBuilder.com, Chordiant, CIGNA, CNET, Computer Associates, Dell, EMC Documentum, Factiva, Fidelity Investments, Findexa, IBM, Knight Ridder, LexisNexis, Merrill Lynch, Rakuten, Reed Elsevier, Reuters, Sensis, Stellent, Tenet Healthcare, Thomas Industrial Networks, T-Online, US Army, Virgilio (Telecom Italia), Vodafone, and Wanadoo.

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