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Hull Libraries Implement EDI Quotes with SirsiDynix Unicorn

LONDON, Aug. 23, 2006 – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced today that Hull Libraries has implemented Askews Library Services' EDI (electronic data interchange) Quotes with the Unicorn® Library Management System. This is the first SirsiDynix implementation of EDI Quotes with Unicorn in the United Kingdom, and this progression will enable Askews and SirsiDynix to roll out the offering to many more customers over the coming months.

EDI Quotes are files generated by the library supplier. In response to a selection from a showroom visit, supplier selection or supplier Web site, an EDI Quotes file would be created, and the file is then transmitted to the customer via FTP or First Edition. The EDI file will be picked up by the customer's computer system and imported directly into the library management system. For large selections, this can save the customer days worth of inputting time. The EDI process is therefore more efficient and more accurate. By eliminating paper copies, EDI can reduce costs and release staff time. Askews has developed EDI Quotes in the EDIFACT standard.

"Hull Libraries are delighted to be the first library authority to implement EDI Quotes with Askews and SirsiDynix Unicorn" said Liz Holgate, ICT and contracts manager at Hull Libraries. "The implementation of this innovative system has had an enormous impact on the acquisitions process by significantly reducing the amount of time staff spends inputting orders, resulting in great efficiencies in costs and staff time."

David Thomas, SirsiDynix product manager said, "At SirsiDynix, we are working with Askews and our customers to develop solutions that enhance functionality and improve efficiency in the acquisitions workflow. Edifact Quotes is just one of the ways in which SirsiDynix is enabling our libraries to be at the forefront of change in the U.K. library supply chain."

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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 Askews Library Services Ltd

Askews Library Services is a full service library book supplier to libraries operating in all sectors. Askews' strengths lie in the quality and breadth of services that make up the total offering to its customers. Askews

invests heavily in systems to help promote the most efficient methodologies through the whole supply chain. Recent investments have led to Electronic Invoices & Delivery Notes and also the unique automated supplier selection solution "Cascade." Askews partners with SirsiDynix in the delivery of EDI processes to libraries. Askews Library Services is currently the only partner of SirsiDynix to offer the full EDI suite to public libraries in the United Kingdom. For more information, see www.askews.co.uk/.

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