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HBCU Library Alliance Hosts its Fourth Biennial Membership Meeting and Pre-Conference

Atlanta, GA, — October 6, 2010 — The Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Library Alliance will hold its fourth Biennial Membership Meeting, October 23-26, 2010, at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Conference Center in Montgomery, Alabama.

The objective of this event is to promote excellence in library services at HBCUs and foster collaboration with members of other HBCU library staff. Meeting attendees will participate in a broad range of presentations and programs, including new models for information literacy, archival best practices and technologies, and a session on using HBCU archives to trace family history.

The pre-conference, "Using Data to Enhance Advocacy for Libraries (U.D.E.A.L)," will be held October 23-24, 2010. It is the final component of a multi-year Leadership Program funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in partnership with LYRASIS, the nation's largest regional membership organization serving libraries and information professionals. "In 2005, the HBCU Library Alliance produced a study on "The State of Libraries at HBCUs," a statistical comparison of HBCU libraries with peer, non-HBCU libraries (based on Carnegie classification, size of population served, and public or private status). The study used data from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), which conducts a biennial survey of academic libraries. An updated study has been produced and will be used to strengthen advocacy skills among librarians at HBCUs," stated Sandra Phoenix, HBCU Library Alliance Program Director.

"The 2010 Biennial Membership Meeting and the Pre-Conference provide a venue for HBCU librarians to discuss issues facing their libraries, and the communities they serve. It is also a great opportunity for professionals at HBCUs to contribute toward the preservation of their institutions," said Mary Jo Fayoyin, Director, Savannah State University, and Chair, HBCU Library Alliance Board of Directors.

About the HBCU Library Alliance

The HBCU Library Alliance is a consortium that supports the collaboration of institutions dedicated to providing resources designed to strengthen the libraries of Historically

Black Colleges and Universities and their constituents. The purpose of the HBCU Alliance is to ensure excellence in HBCU Libraries and the development, coordination, and promotion of programs and activities to enhance member libraries.

About LYRASIS

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