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THE ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION AWARDS ADDITIONAL MONEY TO THE HBCU LIBRARY ALLIANCE TO FUND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

ATLANTA – (June 18, 2007) – The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded a second grant, an additional \$600,000, to the HBCU Library Alliance for the continuation of its Leadership Institute.

The primary objectives of the Leadership Institute are to provide theoretical and practical instruction and useful resources to encourage the development of leadership skills within the HBCU library community.

The 2007-2008 Leadership Institute, facilitated by KTA Global Partners, is scheduled August 11-15 at the Aberdeen Woods Conference Center in Peachtree City, Ga.

Eleven libraries will participate in the Leadership Institute. Those libraries are Hinds Community College in Mississippi; Jackson State University in Mississippi; Johnson C. Smith in North Carolina; Mississippi Valley State University; Morehouse School of Medicine in Georgia; North Carolina Central; Southern University in Louisiana; St. Augustine's College in North Carolina; Tougaloo College in Alabama; Tuskegee University in Alabama; and Wiley College in Texas.

The HBCU Library Alliance will also begin its inaugural mentor development pilot program. This program will be facilitated by The Human Resource Department – Atlanta. Six directors of HBCU libraries who have previously participated in the Leadership Institute will serve as mentors for the program during 2007-2008.

The mentors are:

- Zenobia Blackmon, Trenholm State, Ala.
- Mary Jo Fayoyin, Savannah State, Ga.
- Marilyn Gibbs, Claflin State, SC
- Laverne McLaughlin, Albany State, Ga.
- Loretta Parham, The Robert W. Woodruff of the Atlanta University Center, Ga.
- Joan Williams, Bennett College, NC

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HBCU Library Alliance

HBCU libraries serve as unique and indispensable gatekeepers of history, culture and the African-American experience. Created by the deans and directors of these libraries in 2002, the HBCU Library Alliance seeks to ensure excellence in HBCU libraries through the development, coordination and promotion of programs and activities to enhance members' collections and services.

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