



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 26, 2007

Contacts: Lillian Lewis, HBCU Library Alliance, 404-592-4820

## **THE HBCU LIBRARY ALLIANCE HOLDS ITS SECOND LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

ATLANTA – (September 26, 2007) – The HBCU Library Alliance recently held its second Leadership Institute, August 10-15, 2007, at the Aberdeen Woods Conference Center in Peachtree City, Ga.

The 2007-2008 Institute, facilitated by KTA Global Partners, was kicked off by opening speaker Kate Nevins, Executive Director of the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET). Speakers such as Charles Greene, from the White House Initiative on HBCUs, also participated in the six-day event.

“Hosting the leadership institute is one of the major activities for the Alliance,” said Lillian Lewis, HBCU Library Alliance. “Our goal is to address the impending shortage of library directors by preparing trained leaders to deal with the complex issues facing libraries. The participants are also better able to advance a vision for the library as a valued partner in the teaching mission of their institution.”

Funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Leadership Institute was established to provide theoretical and practical instruction and useful resources to encourage the development of leadership skills within the HBCU library community.

“The program was excellent,” said Faye Priestly at Johnson C. Smith University. “The presenters were well-prepared, well qualified, and knowledgeable about the subject matter.”

Eleven libraries participated in this year’s Leadership Institute. Those libraries were 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 Mississippi; Tuskegee University in Alabama; and Wiley College in Texas.

###

### **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. [www.hbculibraries.org](http://www.hbculibraries.org)



**HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES LIBRARY ALLIANCE**

1438 West Peachtree Street, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30309-2955

Ph: 404.592.4820 Fax: 404.892.7879

[www.hbculibraries.org](http://www.hbculibraries.org)



### **KTA Global Partners**

Karyn Trader & Associates (KTA) Global Partners, LLC is a management consulting firm specializing in assisting clients in developing their strategic frameworks, shaping corporate culture and managing change. [www.acatalyst4change.com](http://www.acatalyst4change.com)

### **SOLINET**

Founded in 1973, SOLINET is a not-for-profit membership organization serving more than 2,700 libraries of all types and sizes in ten Southeastern states and the Caribbean. Primary programs are Member Outreach, OCLC Services, Preservation & Access, Electronic Resources, Library Products, Digital Services, Educational Services, and Consulting. Visit the SOLINET website at [www.solinet.net](http://www.solinet.net)

### **The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation**

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation is a private foundation that makes grants on a selective basis in the areas of higher education, museums and art conservation, performing arts, and conservation and the environment. Information about the Foundation, including its annual reports, is available on its website, [www.mellon.org](http://www.mellon.org).

###



**HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES LIBRARY ALLIANCE**

1438 West Peachtree Street, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30309-2955

Ph: 404.592.4820 Fax: 404.892.7879

[www.hbculibraries.org](http://www.hbculibraries.org)