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SOLINET and the HBCU Library Alliance Publish The State of Libraries at Historically Black Colleges and Universities

The Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) and the HBCU Library Alliance recently completed and published an assessment of the state of libraries at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Produced with support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, *The State of Libraries at Historically Black Colleges and Universities* uses data collected by the National Center for Education Statistics through its biennial Academic Libraries Survey.

The statistical study describes levels of support for and services from HBCU libraries and compares it to that for other, peer academic libraries in the U.S. It offers a baseline for future comparison among HBCUs and of HBCUs with non-HBCUs. It also provides data that can be used to strengthen libraries at HBCUs, individually and as a group. The report is available on SOLINET's website at www.solinet.net/resources/HBCUStats and on the HBCU Library Alliance website at www.hbculibraries.org.

Created by the deans and directors of HBCU libraries in 2002, the HBCU Library Alliance is a consortium that supports the collaboration of information professionals dedicated to strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their constituents. The purpose of the HBCU Library Alliance is to ensure excellence in HBCU libraries through the development, collaboration, coordination, and promotion of programs and activities to enhance members' collections and services. Visit the HBCU Library Alliance website at www.hbculibraries.org.

Founded in 1973, SOLINET is a non-profit membership organization serving more than 2600 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.

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