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ebrary Chosen as a “Preferred Supplier” of E-books to Universities in England

August 7, 2009 – Palo Alto, CA, USA – ebrary®, a leading provider of digital content products and technologies, today announced that it has been selected as one of the preferred suppliers of e-books to universities in England through July 2013.

Under the terms of the contract, negotiated through the company’s authorized distributor 2info, members of the English Academic Library Consortia can choose to purchase individual e-books from ebrary’s growing catalog of over 123,400 multidisciplinary titles from over 350 leading publishers. Discounted Starter Packs are also available. Additionally, institutions may subscribe to Academic Complete, a growing, multidisciplinary collection with simultaneous, multi-user access to over 43,900 e-books and other authoritative titles, or select among 16 single subject subscription databases.

“During the tender process, we were looking for vendors that would enable member institutions to create instant online libraries in subject areas that matched their curriculum needs, with models that fit their budget requirements,” said Susan Wright, head of the Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC), a member of the English Academic Library Consortia.

“ebrary is honored to be selected to assist the joint consortia as they migrate their acquisition strategy from print holdings to e-books,” said Ian Hames, Vice President of International Sales at ebrary. “We look forward to the opportunity to help universities throughout England increase knowledge and productivity across their institutional communities while providing new opportunities for publishers that make their content available through ebrary.”

The selection of ebrary enables universities in England to benefit from numerous advantages, including the following:

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About the English Academic Library Consortia

The London Universities Purchasing Consortium (LUPC), Midland Universities Academic Libraries (MUAL), the North West Academic Libraries (NoWAL), the North East and Yorkshire Academic Libraries (NEYAL) and the Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC) decided to tender jointly for their book, standing order, e-book and alternative media requirements. The resulting Joint Academic Consortia Agreement was awarded by SUPC on behalf of the participating consortia.

About ebrary (www.ebrary.com)

ebrary helps libraries, corporations, publishers, and consumers get the most out of their digital content. The company offers a growing selection of more than 170,000 digital books, handbooks, reports, maps, journals and other valuable content from over 350 of the world's leading publishers under flexible subscription, purchase, and usage-based models. Additionally, ebrary offers e-publishing services for customers to cost-effectively distribute their own PDF content online on ebrary's servers or their own.

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Founded in 1999, ebrary is privately held and is headquartered in Palo Alto, CA, USA.

About 2info

2info provide sales, marketing and support services to publishers and aggregators of scholarly information. The company brings local expertise, established networks, geographic and sector specific experience to those seeking to gain exposure and support customers within the UK and Irish library markets.

2info delivers ebrary's products to the UK and Irish territories while providing library customers with local, high quality customer care. Currently operating as an extension of their team, 2info has worked exclusively with ebrary for over 4 years and thrives on bringing exciting, innovative new products to a market they know well.

Founded in 2004, 2info is privately held and is located in Saddleworth, England.

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