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3M Foundation Donates \$925,000 in e-Branch Library Workstations to Libraries in Communities Stricken by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

ST. PAUL, Minn. – January 13, 2006 – The 3M Foundation today announced it will donate 25 e-Branch Library Workstations to state-selected libraries in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

“3M and its employees are committed to helping those affected by Katrina and Rita,” said David Pointon, government and industry relations manager, 3M Security Systems Division. “Our longstanding involvement with the library community makes this donation, which is intended to assist libraries in rebuilding their communities, especially important. We’re pleased to add to the already more than \$5 million in-kind contributions and \$1.5 million from 3M employees and matching contributions.”

The workstations will be placed in communities most affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to provide people with another means to access information needed to help rebuild their lives. The free-standing workstations will have direct links to FEMA, Red Cross, Hurricane Recovery Job Connection and the Hurricane Insurance Information Center. Each workstation will also have a phone with direct connections to federal, state and local agencies.

“Rebuilding the 11 Mississippi public libraries badly damaged or destroyed by Katrina will take many months, if not years,” said Sharman Smith, executive director, Mississippi Library Commission. “In the meantime, librarians are struggling to provide some level of library service in order to restore a sense of normalcy for the people in their communities. These information workstations will provide a valuable tool in ensuring that our residents have access to the information they need to rebuild their lives.”

A global leader in library innovation for more than 30 years, 3M provides security, productivity and information management solutions that harness technology to enable a more human library,

freeing librarians to spend more time doing what they love – helping people. 3M also partners with libraries to support their technological advancement and ensure their success through numerous industry sponsorships and programs. For more information about the 3M Library Systems solutions, visit <http://www.3M.com/us/library> or call 1-800-253-6845.

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