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**THE CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS RECEIVES SMART GOVERNMENT
HONOR FROM REVENUE DISCOVERY SYSTEMS (RDS)
The Library in the Forest provides a destination for learning
and an environmental showcase**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – June 7, 2010 – Revenue Discovery Systems (RDS) announced today that its 2010 Smart Government Award recipient in the Medium Municipality (population 15,000 to 50,000) category is the City of Vestavia Hills, Ala., for providing the state’s first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified public library. The awards recognize municipalities, counties and state agencies that are taking innovative steps to enhance growth, create cost savings and provide environmental benefits.

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In response to a long-range strategic plan in advance of the city’s projected population growth, the Vestavia Hills Mayor and City Council identified the current library as an inadequate public facility. In response, the mayor and council authorized a \$4 million challenge-grant to the private sector that would be matched dollar for dollar by the city to fund the state-of-the-art library project.

The Library in the Forest, the new LEED-certified public library, will be an environmental showcase and classroom on 9.4 acres of lush Alabama forest. Only two acres will house the 36,000-square-foot-library. The remaining area will be an example of environmental stewardship including nature trails, an arboretum, and science education stations for the Vestavia Hills school system. The Library Foundation, the Library Board and the City Council hope the library will be a partner in the quality education of Vestavia Hills’ children and continuing education for adults and provide a lesson in sustainable construction and operations to library patrons and visitors from neighboring cities and states.

“Vestavia Hills is pleased and honored to have been selected for the Smart Government Award,” said Mary Lee Rice, council president. “This award recognizes projects with an eye toward energy efficiency and environmental sustainability, and the Library in the Forest certainly fits those criteria. We are grateful to RDS for this recognition, and we invite our friends from around the state to visit the library when it opens in September.”

Only 25 percent of the trees will be removed and, of those, 80 percent will be recycled into furniture and furnishings for the library. Patrons will feel like they are connected with the outside environment with the use of natural light and other natural resources. The Library in the Forest focuses on the patrons, accommodates new technology,

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recognizes the evolution of the “collection” of books, and emphasizes the social role of the library.

“What a unique and different approach to learning and environmental stewardship,” said Kennon Walthall, president of RDS. “The Library in the Forest is a one-of-a-kind facility that highlights the city’s focused approach to growth. It’s an honor to present the Smart Government award to the City of Vestavia Hills and its officials.”

The nominations for several different categories were approved and awarded by a committee comprised of educators, a policy researcher, an environmental conservationist, and a retired municipal employee. Those committee members included: Dr. Don-Terry Veal, executive director of the Center for Governmental Services, Auburn University; Tommy Pow, program manager at the University of Alabama College of Continuing Studies; Jim Williams, executive director of the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama; Mike Moore, former revenue officer for the City of Opelika; and Adam Snyder, executive director for Conservation Alabama.

About the Smart Government Awards:

The Smart Government Awards were developed by RDS to recognize innovative governments and efficient programs in Alabama. The Approval Committee evaluated nominees based on efforts to enhance growth and reduce waste in spending, time and resources, particularly in regards to the environment.

About RDS:

Based in Birmingham, Ala., RDS is a government services company providing revenue enhancement support services to state and local government in the areas of tax administration, revenue discovery and recovery, and compliance audit examination.

Each year, RDS processes billions of dollars in business taxes, licenses and fees and has simultaneously discovered and recovered millions in unpaid revenues. For 30 years, RDS has been committed to delivering government solutions based on outstanding value, competitive pricing, exceptional customer service and compliance with the highest professional standards. RDS currently provides tax administration services for more than 450 state and local government clients and manages 700+ professional service contracts.

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