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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES TO SERVE ON THE BOARD
OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND (SALB),
GRAHAMSTOWN**

1 October 2010 to 30 September 2013

Members of the library and information services sector, the blind, visually impaired and print-handicapped community, as well as the public, are hereby invited to nominate suitable candidates to be considered for appointment to the Board of the South African Library for the Blind (SALB), Grahamstown, Eastern Cape. The Board will consist of at least 7 but not more than 9 members, who will be appointed by the Minister of Arts and Culture for the period **1 October 2010 to 30 September 2013**. The Board will be reconstituted after three years. The Board convenes at least 4 times per year in Grahamstown. Remuneration to Board members will be limited to payment of reasonable subsistence and travel expenses when attending Board meetings.

The core functions of the Board will be the formulation of policies, the approval of the budget and financial statements, to advise on the appointment of senior staff, and to advise the Minister about matters concerning the SALB in accordance with the South African Library for the Blind Act, 1998 (Act No. 91 of 1998).

Nominees should represent stakeholders who have the necessary skills to assist the SALB in achieving its goals. Nominees must have knowledge of library and information services, expertise in matters affecting blind and print-handicapped readers in general, knowledge of the production of braille and audio material for the blind and visually impaired, knowledge of applicable technologies used by the target group, expertise in managerial, financial and human resource matters, and knowledge of marketing, liaison, and fund-raising.

Nominations to serve on the Board of the SALB must be submitted to the Department of Arts and Culture on the **official nomination form** (*available on request*). The nomination form, which makes provision for the **nominee's written acceptance** of the nomination, must include the following Annexures in order to be considered:

- **A:** A letter providing the full names and contact details of the nominator, explaining the nominee's suitability for appointment *in terms of the criteria stated above*, and providing the names and contact details of three references of the nominee.
- **B:** A brief CV of the nominee, providing information on the nominee under all of the following headings:
 - (a) Title and full names
 - (b) ID number
 - (c) Citizenship
 - (d) *Full* contact details
 - (e) Current occupation & name of employer
 - (f) Academic qualifications
 - (g) Relevant experience
 - (h) Fields of expertise
 - (i) Memberships
 - (j) Past and present service on Boards
 - (k) Gender
 - (l) Race

The **closing date** for nominations is **15 April 2010**. Nominations and enquiries should be addressed to:

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