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Califone International Launches Assistive Listening System for Differentiated Learning

Wireless audio system allows teachers to tailor instruction for all students

SAN FERNANDO, Calif. (June 9, 2010) – Helping teachers to individualize instruction and meet the needs of all students, *Califone International, Inc.*, launches its newest product designed specifically for educational use, the *Califone Assistive Listening System*.

The Assistive Listening System enables educators to provide any number of designated students with a listening device to clearly hear the teacher or other amplified audio. In smaller areas, the system combats inadequate classroom acoustics and high levels of ambient noise, thereby increasing engagement and achievement. For larger settings, such as auditoriums, or for outdoor uses, such as field trips, listeners can receive extra audio support.

Though kit sizes vary, the core system includes a 900 MHz transmitter for the presenter that can be fitted with either a headset or mini condenser microphone, and any number of wireless receivers (with connecting headphones) for listeners. Each receiver features dual headphone plugs so it can be shared with a classmate.

This system also is helpful for those who need translation support, such as non-English speaking parents at back-to-school nights. Listeners can choose between a lightweight headphone or a single ear headphone attached to the receiver. The receivers and transmitters can be worn with a lanyard around the neck or at the waist with a belt clip.

Unique to this system, and many *Califone* products, the Assistive Listening System incorporates a volume restriction feature. Under guidelines recommended by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the receiver's volume can be set not to exceed 85 decibels. Many studies show that extended exposure to high levels of noise can cause irreparable hearing loss, leading *Califone* to design this system with student safety in mind.

“This new listening system is ideal for tour groups and wherever it is imperative that all students can hear the teacher clearly, despite language barriers or disabilities,” said Tim Ridgway, VP of marketing for *Califone*.

The Assistive Listening System comes with a charger and carrying case for easy use and storage. The system is available in a variety of packages so technology directors and educators can select the solution that best fits their specific needs.

Califone will showcase the Assistive Listening System at InfoComm, June 9-11, 2010, in Las Vegas, NV (Booth #N1429) and during ISTE, June 27-30, 2010, in Denver, CO (Booth #1189).

To order, contact a *Califone* dealer. For more information on the full line of *Califone* products designed for the education market, and safe for school and library use, call 1-800-722-0500, or visit www.califone.com to view and download the entire *Califone* catalog.

About *Califone*

Califone was founded in 1947 and continues to be a leader in the design, development and manufacturing of audiovisual and supplemental curriculum products for use in education, presentation and professional markets. The company offers a complete line of audio solutions, wireless systems and multimedia products for small, medium and large presentation needs. *Califone* serves millions of educators and children in the PreK through higher education school environments, and has expanded to serve business and industry, houses of worship, parks and recreation, and other presentation markets as well.

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