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One-to-One Computing Becomes Feasible with Nova5000

New device from Fourier Systems fills gap between affordable handhelds and functional laptops

AUSTIN, TEXAS (October 26, 2005) – On the heels of revolutionary evidence in states like Maine and Michigan, more than 10 states and a number of large districts are reportedly considering one-to-one computing initiatives for K-12 schools. The obvious obstacle to implementing such initiatives on a wide scale is cost. Laptops are the ideal choice, but handhelds – while limiting in function – are much more readily affordable.

Bridging the gap between the cost-prohibitive laptop and the less functional handheld device is the new Nova5000 solution from Fourier Systems, Inc. Weighing in at just 2.2 pounds, Nova5000 is a Windows CE 5.0 tablet computing device that meets students' everyday computing needs, including Internet access, word processing, spreadsheets and e-mail.

“We know that providing students with personal computing devices not only improves their motivation and engagement, but also allows educators to incorporate project-based, hands-on curriculum into the classroom,” said Dov Bruker, CEO of Fourier Systems, an international leader in the development of data logging devices for the classroom.

“Because the Nova5000 is designed specifically for classroom use, it delivers all the components necessary for success in a K-12 environment: a student-appropriate software suite; durability and flexibility for use in the classroom, outdoors or at home; and an attractive total cost of ownership,” added Bruker.

The total cost of ownership for each Nova5000 device is estimated to be \$225 per year, including maintenance and local support. This means that the Nova5000 provides the highest learning output per dollar spent on computing, opening a new window of opportunity for schools to harness the power of one-to-one programs to positively influence student learning.

Adding to the versatility of the Nova5000 is the incorporation of a data logger with built-in scientific probeware capabilities. These features equip students with the multimedia tools to enhance their understanding and enjoyment of science and math as NCLB science mandates approach.

Pricing for the Nova5000 begins at \$419. For more information, including detailed product specifications, visit www.fourier-sys.com.

About Fourier Systems, Inc.

Established in 1989, Fourier is a world leader in the manufacture and distribution of compact portable data logging devices and accessories for the education market. The company's science kits continue to push the standards of science education higher, now in over 30 countries around the world. With the wide range of sensors, user-friendly software and relevant curriculum material, Fourier's products demonstrate a commitment to high quality. Fourier has earned accolades both nationally and internationally, including the Worlddidac award for the EcoLog™ and ExperiNet™. For more information, visit www.fourier-sys.com or phone 866-352-6994.

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