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Nova5000™ Alleviates Cost of 1:1 Computing By Filling Gap Between Laptops and Handhelds

New device from Fourier Systems is the first to combine Windows CE 5.0 tablet computer with scientific data logger

AUSTIN, TEXAS (June 28, 2005) – Educators know that student performance can be dramatically improved when students have more personal access to computers, which is why several states have implemented major 1:1 student computing initiatives. However, the cost of such initiatives can be prohibitive to long-term sustainability. The new Nova5000 solution from Fourier Systems, Inc., is opening a new window to providing all students with an affordable and highly versatile computing device.

At a price point as low as \$399, Nova5000 provides schools with the highest learning output per dollar spent on computing. Nova5000 combines Windows CE 5.0 tablet computing capabilities with the scientific probeware functionality that Fourier, an international leader in the development of data logging devices for the classroom, is known for providing. With Nova5000, schools have a computing solution for use in the classroom, lab, outdoors or at home.

“What we’ve designed with Nova5000 is a middle-ground solution that bridges the gap between a cost-prohibitive but highly functional laptop and a more cost-effective but less functional handheld,” said Dov Bruker, CEO of Fourier Systems. “We anticipate that more schools and districts will be able to move toward 1:1 computing initiatives with Nova5000 as an option.”

Weighing in at just 1.8 pounds, Nova5000 provides a software suite that meets students’ everyday computing needs, including Internet access, word processing, spreadsheets and e-mail. In addition, with the built-in scientific probeware capabilities, students also have multimedia tools to enhance their understanding and enjoyment of science and math. Learning activities can be completed throughout the school day on the color touch screen device, which measures 9.7 by 5.0 inches.

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“By integrating the Fourier data logger with the Nova5000, we’re providing schools with a total cost of ownership solution that gives students everyday access to computers and really gets them excited for learning,” added Bruker.

The hardware features of Nova5000 make the device exceptionally versatile for use in all kinds of learning environments at school and home. The flexible hardware design includes USB and Ethernet ports, microphone, speaker, and four sensor sockets that support more than 65 different science sensors for experimentation and data collection.

Nova5000 also includes the Fourier MultiLab™ software, a multimedia data analysis tool that allows for graphic manipulation and reporting of student-collected data. Multimedia features within the software allow students to link audio and video recorded during experiments with the data being analyzed.

Pricing for the Nova5000 ranges from \$399 to \$599. For more information, 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™ in 1998 and for ExperiNet™ in 2002. For more information, visit www.fourier-sys.com or phone 866-352-6994.

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