



New manufacturers added to AT book, expanding its value

With the addition of 22 manufacturers of assistive technology products the publishers of *Assistive Technologies: Expanding A Universe of Opportunities for People with Disabilities* have expanded the most comprehensive list of assistive technology manufacturers worldwide ever published <www.atn-ctcf.org>.

“The book’s goal is to fill a vital need among employers and employees with disabilities looking for assistive technology products that are used in the workplace and in other areas to increase independence among people with disabilities worldwide,” says the book’s author John Williams, who believes these products are great equalizers for people with disabilities. He has written about disability issues and assistive technology products for 25 years.

Expanding the list of AT manufacturers monthly is a goal of the publishers, Assistive Technology News and Concurrent Technologies Corporation Foundation <www.ctcfoundation.org>, who intend to keep the list current.

“By updating the list regularly, we add value to the book and

guarantee the public and private sectors that they have access to the most current information in this field,” says Howard McClintic, executive director, CTC Foundation. McClintic says a section on bionics will be added to the book.

The book lists more than 550 assistive technology manufacturers in the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia, South America and Asia. Employers looking for information on products benefiting speech impaired, blind, visually impaired, deaf, hearing impaired, physically challenged, cognitively-challenged and mobility challenged employees will discover it in the book.

With millions of aging employees with disabilities requiring assistive technology to maintain their productivity and efficiency, and millions of working age people with disabilities unemployed, this book provides employers with a one-stop shopping source in the field of assistive technology products. Employers will find information on voice recognition systems, text-to-speech products, Braille products, keyboards, low vision

products, hearing products, environmental control products, and other products to increase independence and employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

The contents include: summaries of federal legislation passed on disability areas since 1968; recent United States Supreme Court decisions on the Americans with Disabilities Act; 12 columns on assistive technology products used in various environments; an overview of assistive technology today; articles written by representatives from Microsoft, IBM, Kurzweil Educational Systems, Deque and Oracle on their corporate philosophies in providing accessible products in assistive technology areas; a chapter on United Nations’ activities in providing on-line accessibility to people with disabilities worldwide; and definitions dealing with assistive technology and disability areas.

The book is published on-line, in print and in digital format (CD). Access to the Web version of the book is available through a protective password. A sample of the book on-line

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