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### **NUMONICS CORPORATION PARTNERS WITH THE ASTRONAUTS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION TO IMPROVE SPACE EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY**

The Astronauts Memorial Foundation's (AMF) Center for Space Education, located at the Kennedy Space Center, FL, was named the recipient of the Numonics Corporation 1999 President's Technology Grant. The grant provided AMF with Numonics Corporation's Interactive Presentation Manager 2000 and accompanying mobile stand. Upon installation in June, AMF began to use this patented technology in their computer lab to assist their mission of improving education through technology.

Since inception, AMF identified the necessity for technology training of educators as a "most urgent need." Schools are making a major investment in hardware and software. To yield a return on investment, educators must know how to use this ever-changing technology. AMF was the first training institute in Florida to develop technology classes designed specifically to meet the unique needs of educators.

Numonics Corporation is considered a technology innovator of interactive presentation solutions and computer input devices. They began the development of interactive products that would revolutionize the communications paradigm for group meetings, presentations, training and education sessions five years ago. The award winning technology and software is now forging a new frontier in the education and training markets that will change how we teach in the future.

The two companies recognized the need for technology to improve today's method of education. With the increased use of the Internet and outside stimuli, classroom instruction must become more interactive to keep student's attention and improve retention. Numonics Corporation developed the President's Technology Grant to assist organizations dedicated to promoting change through technology. Education is the perfect platform to demonstrate the result of technology empowerment. AMF's mission captures the spirit of this grant since they have the ability to influence public policy on this important topic.

"AMF and Numonics Corporation share common goals," said Walt Jaworski, Associate Director of Education for AMF Educational Technology Institute. "This new partnership carries a commitment, by both organizations, for future excellence through the use of technology in education."

AMF classes are developed and taught by educators who understand the technological needs in the education environment. Lectures, discussion and valuable hands-on training focus on preparation, development and management of technology in the classroom. Students include technology specialists, network administrators, school decision-makers, superintendents, principals and board members.

In less than four years, more than 4,000 educators from four foreign countries, 36 states and each of Florida's 67 counties, have attended technology training at AMF. The curriculum is constantly updated to keep up with the ever-changing technology.

"I perceived the need for interactive presentation products that would enhance presentation content by integrating video, animation, graphics, text and audio, said Alfred N. Basilicato, President and CEO of the Interactive Products Division of Numonics Corporation. The result would be improved audience focus and participation, reduction of instruction time and increased retention. Our engineers rose to the challenge and created the Interactive Presentation Manager that will revolutionize the education and training markets."

The Interactive Presentation Manager (IPM) is the ultimate tool to meet today's requirements for "high-tech" meeting rooms and classrooms. IPM has a large screen viewing and writing area (77" diagonal) and connects to a LCD projector and PC to create interactive multimedia presentations. The Presentation Tools software included with IPM provides 27 different tools for annotating and highlighting. Each tool is represented by an icon, which can be placed on a user-definable toolbar. Activating a tool is as simple as touching its corresponding icon with the IPM multimedia pen. Files may be saved electronically, with annotations, and distributed anytime. Designed to work interactively between user and computer, the IPM becomes the center for presentations, training and collaborative planning sessions.

AMF instructors will provide feedback to Numonics Corporation's engineering and marketing departments to assist in further product development for the education and training markets. AMF will begin to showcase the IPM to the 67 Florida counties as an interactive tool for teachers to enhance their classroom instruction.

The Astronauts Memorial Foundation is a private 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization and "living memorial" to honor our nation's fallen astronauts. Funding for the AMF and its programs come from 50% of the sale proceeds of Florida's Challenger license plates and donations from any and all other organizations. The proceeds also help to make training affordable and accessible to educators. In doing so, it memorializes astronauts who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and demonstrates the dream of a better future.

Numonics Corporation, located on Montgomeryville, PA, is an ISO 9001 certified company with 30 years of design, development and manufacturing experience. The Interactive Products Division was formed in 1994 to develop digital white board products to improve meeting dynamics, training and long distance collaboration. They provide presentation solutions to the medical, education, corporate training, audio visual, and design engineering industries.

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