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AT Vendors to Demonstrate Latest Technology Upgrades Available at No Cost

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On October 18th, the USDA TARGET Center will host its annual Fall Open House. This year's event focuses on technologies that USDA employees with a qualified disability can order at no cost through the USDA/Computer and Electronic Accommodations Program (CAP) Partnership.

The event will be broken up into two parts, morning and afternoon, each with a focus on different disability groups. The morning session, from 10 am to 12 pm, will feature technology primarily for those employees with hearing-related disabilities. In addition, a member of the Department of Defense's CAP Program will be on hand to

answer any questions customers may have about ordering accommodations through the Partnership. USDA employees who have received accommodations through the USDA/CAP Partnership are encouraged take advantage of this opportunity to speak with a CAP representative if they have any questions about upgrading their equipment. The afternoon session, from 1 pm to 3 pm, will feature technology primarily for those employees with vision-related disabilities. For a preview of highlighted technology, see inside this newsletter.

For more information, please call 202.720.2600 (v/tty).

Fall Open House

Tuesday, October 18th: 10 am - 12 pm

Morning Session Highlights:



SoundWizard II

- “Shape” sound to match your hearing needs
- Amplification up to 40 dB
- Built-in directional and environmental microphones
- Dual headset jack to allow multiple users
- Phone Module allows you to amplify your existing phone
- Infrared Module for movies & theater.

D-link Video Phone

With the D-Link i2eye DVC-1000, deaf employees can use their broadband Internet connection to make and receive high quality video calls. This technology allows deaf employees to sign with another deaf person or call a hearing person through the Federal Video Relay Service. Connected to a television, the D-Link is easy to use and helps resolve some firewall issues that are present in similar systems that require a computer.



NexTalk/NTS for USDA

The USDA TARGET Center will be hosting a NexTalk Network. NexTalk for Networks, allows direct calls to and from any TTY or modem through shared network modems that are TTY-compatible. NexTalk is designed for person-to-person “text telephone” use, providing compatibility with the TTYs used by the deaf and hard of hearing. The latest release includes additional Internet functionality that provides compatibility with Internet browsers.



CAP Program Representative

The Department of Defense’s CAP program provides assistive technology and services to people with disabilities, Federal managers, supervisors, IT professionals, and wounded services members. This vast group of customers includes USDA employees who request assistive technology through the USDA/CAP Partnership. A CAP representative will be on hand to answer questions about CAP’s role in the partnership, available technology, and to respond to customer concerns.



Fall Open House

Tuesday, October 18th: 1 pm - 3 pm

Afternoon Session Highlights:

Flipper Panel



The FlipperPanel is a portable magnifier that integrates the Flipper rotating camera with a slim LCD platform. Powered by a battery pack, the FlipperPanel runs up to five hours without recharging while the camera projects a full-color, auto-focus image on the screen, enabling you to read, write, and view from a distance.

JAWS 7.0

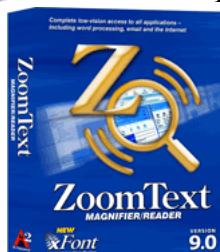
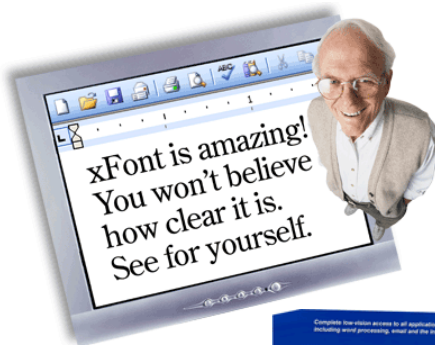
The latest version of JAWS screenreader software includes:

- Mini-version that works on a thumbdrive
- Support for Firefox
- Support for Yahoo Messenger
- Improved use with Adobe Acrobat
- much more....



ZoomText 9.0 with xFont

The new ZoomText 9.0 includes xFont magnification, which displays high-definition text that is designed to be recognized more clearly and easily. The new NeoSpeech synthesizers read applications and documents aloud with friendly, human-sounding voices right through your computer's speakers. Zoomtext's productivity tools are also upgraded in this version.





Join APDA Today!

The Association for Persons with Disabilities in Agriculture (APDA) is an employee association celebrating diversity within the USDA. Regular monthly meetings are open to everyone who wants to broaden their horizons, break down attitudinal barriers, and build relationships based on positive experiences, including employees with disabilities, their supervisors, managers, co-workers, family members, and advocates for persons with disabilities.

Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month in the back of the South Building cafeteria or other locations as announced starting at 11:30 a.m.

You don't have to have a disability to participate in APDA activities.

All USDA employees are welcome to attend.

For more information, visit www.apda.usda.gov.

Another Satisfied Customer

TARGET came to my work place, reviewed the documents that I had available, conducted an 'on-site' rehabilitation evaluation, made observations, and provided recommendations on arrangement of work station item placements.

Later, I was invited to the TARGET Center, where I was loaned some assistive items, fitted for a chair, explained the proper use of items and then provided a list of resources for both myself and my supervisor.

TARGET was able to display a high level of professional knowledge in their area of expertise accompanied by a caring concern that reflected sincerity. TARGET read the documents that I had available and understood the content and my challenges. TARGET removed the obstacle of me having to communicate my situation and the level of expertise that I encountered facilitated me to obtain appropriate solutions and resources. The professional service and support you provide reflects greatly upon you.

Thank You!

- Andrew D. Malloy
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