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WIQUEST INTRODUCES COMBO WIRELESS USB+BLUETOOTH REFERENCE DESIGN KIT

Wireless USB Mini card allows consumers to add Bluetooth and high-speed, Wireless USB technology in a single mini card slot

ALLEN, Texas – March 24, 2008 – Continuing to build up its portfolio of products, WiQuest Communications, Inc., the leader in complete Wireless USB solutions, today announced availability of its eighth reference design kit that integrates both Wireless USB and Bluetooth radio technologies into a single combo module. The new Wireless USB + Bluetooth mini card design gives OEMs the ability to quickly deploy Wireless USB technology while also supporting simultaneous connectivity to Bluetooth 2.1 devices, all within a single, highly integrated wireless module.

WiQuest's new reference design allows OEM designers to easily embed Wireless USB and Bluetooth 2.1 + EDR utilizing the PCI Express mini card form factor. Since this combo card has already achieved FCC modular certification, new products incorporating this radio and antenna combination may leverage this certification. Customers directly benefit with lower product development costs and faster time-to-market.

The Wireless USB + Bluetooth mini card reference design is based on WiQuest's advanced ultrawideband technology, the most widely used Wireless USB solution available today. WiQuest solutions have been chosen by leading PC and PC peripheral manufacturers including Belkin, Dell, D-Link, Lenovo, Toshiba and others.

"UWB is an important extension of the wireless personal area network and the ability to conveniently add UWB and Bluetooth to PCs with a single card will help drive this trend," said Ron Wong, Senior Product Line Manager for Broadcom's Bluetooth products. "Broadcom is pleased to provide advanced Bluetooth technology for this new WiQuest reference design, showcasing the flexibility of our solutions and helping enable the convergence of these two wireless technologies."



“This design kit will save manufacturers substantial time and significantly reduce cost as they will be able to offer both Bluetooth and Wireless USB without having to utilize an additional mini card slot,” explained Greg Christison, WiQuest CTO. “For wireless PAN convergence within a single product, Wireless USB and Bluetooth are the natural mix. Both have a similar range. Bluetooth supports connections to low speed, low power devices while Wireless USB enables connectivity to legacy USB peripherals and new applications with its much higher performance.”

In addition to the Wireless USB + Bluetooth combo card, WiQuest’s product line consists of five additional reference design kits based on Certified Wireless USB from the USB Implementers Forum. The Wireless USB host and device Mini Cards, Half Mini Card, 4-port Hub and Adapter Reference Design Kits are shipping today. WiQuest reference designs for wireless digital video include the Wireless Docking® Station and Mini Card with WiDV®. All of these reference design kits enable equipment manufacturers to build complete solutions from pairs of robust reference platforms. Wireless USB technology offers advantages that neither Bluetooth nor Wi-Fi optimally provides. Bluetooth is commonly used for wireless headsets, mice and peripheral devices. By contrast, Wireless USB offers unparalleled file transfer speeds and multimedia features while being 10 times more power efficient than Wi-Fi.

About WiQuest Communications

WiQuest Communications, Inc. is the leading consumer solutions company designing and developing complete WiMedia-based ultra high speed, ultrawideband (UWB) platforms. WiQuest’s complete solution portfolio includes chipset, software and manufacturing designs. WiQuest’s world class technology and technical support enable a new class of “off-the-shelf-production” wireless connectivity to PC, digital entertainment, consumer electronics and mobile systems – enabling The New Frontier of Wireless™.

Founded in September 2003, WiQuest’s strong team comprises hundreds of years of collective industry semiconductor and systems experience, resulting in dozens of successful high-volume product implementations including Wireless LAN, DSL and Ethernet solutions. To learn more about WiQuest, please visit www.WiQuest.com.

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