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NEC DISPLAY SOLUTIONS LAUNCHES NP SHORT THROW SERIES WITH TWO PORTABLE PROJECTORS

Full-Featured NP500WS, NP600S Provide Network Control, Closed Captioning, Automatic Functionality

CHICAGO – February 9, 2009 – NEC Display Solutions of America, a leading standalone provider of commercial LCD displays and projectors, today announced two new portable short throw projectors, the NP500WS and NP600S, which address the needs of educational facilities, small-to-medium-sized businesses and corporate applications that require a short throw distance in classrooms and conference rooms.

The NP500WS, a wide-aspect ratio projector, features 1280 x 800 native resolution at 2100 lumens, while the NP600S provides a 1024 x 768 native resolution at 2600 lumens. Each has a contrast ratio of 600:1 and provides up to 4000 hours of lamp life in ECO $Mode^{TM}$.

The affordable portable projectors include automatic technologies that are essential and easy to use. The Auto Power ON via RGB (15-pin) input eliminates the need for a remote control by automatically turning the projector on when a signal is detected. AutoSense™ technology intuitively syncs the projector with most computer signals and features one-touch image optimization. This enables quick setup for users that need fast functionality.

"The NP Short Throw Series adds versatility to the NEC projector line by providing the unique ability to cast an image onto the screen from a short distance of less than 4-feet," said Rich McPherson, Product Manager at NEC Display Solutions. "The NP500WS and NP600S portable projectors are standout products for rooms that have little projection space but require bright images and easy-to-use technologies. With innovative components such as the projectors' wall mounting capabilities, the NP Short Throw Series enables users to bring new technology into an existing space that requires some creativity during installation."

The NP500WS and NP600S projectors include the following features:

- Short throw, which allows use with whiteboards and creates a 77" diagonal image from a mere 3 feet, 10 inches
- Virtual Remote (DDC/CI), which controls the projector directly from a computer without the need for additional control cables
- Remote diagnostics, which enables the user to monitor and make adjustments to the projector remotely
- Closed captioning, which enables users to display text information for the hearing impaired
- Automatic Vertical Keystone Correction, which allows the projector to be tilted up or down and still produce a square image without the need to make manual image adjustments
- Dual computer inputs (VGA and DVI-I), which ensure quick switching between presentations
- Integrated RJ45 connection, which provides for quick connection to the LAN (10/100 base-T capability)
- ECO Mode technology, which increases lamp life up to 4000 hours while lowering power consumption and noise level (29dB) for nearly silent operation
- Top cover lamp change, which provides easy lamp changes without removal of projector from the mount
- Powerful 7-watt speaker, which fills the volume requirements for most classrooms and large conference rooms
- Optional wall mount kit, which provides flexibility during integration and allows for wall mounting

The NP500WS and NP600S projectors come with a standard 2-year limited parts and labor warranty. Registered education users qualify for a 3-year limited parts and labor warranty.

Through March 31, 2009, registered Star Student users will receive \$40 cash back reward incentives for each projector on their schools' debit cards. Additionally, registered users qualify for a 4-year limited parts and labor warranty. For more information on NEC's Star Student program, visit www.necstarstudent.com.

The projectors will be available for April 2009 shipment at an estimated street price of \$1199 each.

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Headquartered in Itasca, III., NEC Display Solutions of America, Inc., is a leading designer and provider of innovative desktop LCD displays, professional-grade large-screen LCD and plasma displays, a diverse line of projectors, and integrated display solutions. NEC Display Solutions develops leading-edge visual technology and customer-focused solutions for a wide variety of markets, including enterprise, professional, education, medical and digital signage. For additional information about NEC Display Solutions of America, consumers can call (866) NEC-MORE, or visit the Web site at www.necdisplay.com.

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