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WIQUEST'S WIRELESS USB EXTERNAL ADAPTER IS FIRST TO EARN FCC CERTIFICATION
Announcement solidifies company's time-to-market leadership in UWB

ALLEN, Texas – October 23, 2006 -- WiQuest Communications, Inc. the leading, fabless semiconductor company developing complete Ultrawideband (UWB) silicon, software and reference design solutions, announced today that its wireless USB external adapter has been approved by the FCC. This makes it the first commercial product, based on the Certified Wireless USB specification from the USB Implementers Forum, to earn FCC certification for both outdoor and indoor use, reinforcing WiQuest's time-to-market leadership.

"Being the first company to gain FCC approval for both outdoor and indoor use for a wireless USB reference design shows WiQuest is the clear leader in this technology. WiQuest products are now shipping and are fully-compliant with FCC regulations," said Dr. Matthew B. Shoemake, WiQuest founder, CEO and president. "WiQuest's leadership in FCC certification and completeness of product offering makes us the right partner for early adopter customers."

Having obtained FCC certification streamlines the process for current and future WiQuest customers to gain FCC approval for products based on this reference design and WiQuest's UWB chipset. WiQuest customers directly benefit in knowing that their products based on this chipset can be FCC certified, thereby shortening time-to-market.

The wireless USB adapter conforms to FCC Part 15 Section 15.519 for hand held UWB systems. Compliance with this section means that customers can build products for both indoor and outdoor use based on the WiQuest chipset. The FCC certification assures consumers that WiQuest devices may be approved for operation in the unlicensed 3.1 GHz to 4.8 GHz frequency band.

"With contributions from member companies like WiQuest, the USB-IF continues to see major steps toward market proliferation for products based on the Certified Wireless USB specification," said Jeff Ravencraft, president and chairman of the USB-IF.



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WiQuest's wireless USB external adapter is a cost-effective, highly-integrated design that provides wireless USB high-speed capabilities, up to 480 Mbps, for traditional wired USB devices. The WiQuest Wireless USB Adapter is designed around WiQuest's WQST110 and WQST101 chipset which is in production now. The WQST110 includes a WiMedia-based UWB media access controller (MAC), physical layer (PHY) baseband processor and integrated USB 2.0 high-speed transceiver. This compact solution is ideal for small applications such as the wireless USB adapter.

WiQuest's wireless USB adapter reference design and WQST110/101 chipset are shipping now to manufacturers for consumer products.

In addition to the WQST110 and 101 chipset and the wireless USB Adapter, WiQuest's Evaluation Kit, 4-port Hub and PCI Express mini card reference designs, all based on the Certified Wireless USB technology from the USB Implementers Forum, are available.

About WiQuest Communications

WiQuest Communications, Inc. is a privately-held, fabless semiconductor company that designs and develops complete ultrawideband solutions to PC, consumer electronics and mobile systems companies worldwide. The company builds leading-edge products based on Certified Wireless USB from the USB-IF for high-speed wireless communications using WiMedia ultrawideband technology.

Founded in September 2003, WiQuest's strong team comprises hundreds of years of collective industry semiconductor and system experience, resulting in dozens of successful high-volume product implementations including Wireless LAN, DSL chipsets and Ethernet switches. WiQuest employees are recognized not only for their industry backgrounds but also for their visibility and leadership in standards and regulatory work, including the IEEE, the Wi-Fi Alliance and the WiMedia Alliance. To learn more about WiQuest, visit www.WiQuest.com.

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