



Mi-Co Software Empowers Charity in Identifying Learning Disabilities in Children

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Geoff Cronin, CEO of Edvocacy, stated, "We have found the Mi-Forms Software System to be an efficient method of capturing information in the processes of screening and testing children for learning disabilities. For example, we have worked with Mi-Co staff in developing electronic data capture forms for the DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) System. DIBELS is the de facto standard for childhood literacy assessment. Combining the power of the Mi-Forms System with the Logitech io Digital Pen as the input device shows real promise in placing a system in the hands of educators that can be implemented on a broad scale. This is so important because if more screening is done, more children can be helped." For the 2003-2004 school year, 4540 schools are actively using the DIBELS Data System, across 1413 districts in 44 states and Canada, totaling over a million students (K-3).

"Mi-Co is pleased to be working with the Edvocacy team," said Jim Clary, CEO of Mi-Co. "Edvocacy's goals as a public charity include making early detection of learning impairments throughout all the school systems in America. In order to reach this goal, Edvocacy Research Corporation is identifying technologies that reduce the cost of capturing data in many locations and requires virtually no upfront training. Mi-Co's focus on mobile data capture with a handwriting interface has been specifically designed to meet the type of issues that Edvocacy faces."

As additional screening tests are identified through out the US these will be incorporated into the Mi-Forms System being implemented by Edvocacy.

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About Edvocacy

Edvocacy Research Corporation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) public charity with a mission encompassing development and deployment of cost-effective interactive software applications that detect, measure, and track patterns of language-based learning dysfunction in young children; dissemination of leading-edge instructional practices for teaching children with learning disabilities in a mainstream, inclusive environment; support of ongoing application of innovations in technology and methodology to create early-detection solutions that are effective, cost-efficient, and accessible to all; public awareness and advocacy. Edvocacy is located in Concord, MA. For more information visit www.edvocacy.org

About Mi-Co

Mi-Co, the mobile data capture company, provides digital writing software to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the entire process of capturing and using data. Mi-Co's end-to-end enterprise Mi-Forms Software System enables flexible forms design and the capture, handwriting verification and communication of forms based data for enterprise users. Mi-Forms supports enterprise data capture using the Tablet PC, Digital Pens, Pocket PCs and signature capture devices. Mi-Co is headquartered in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina and a Seattle, Washington customer service center.

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