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**Renaissance Learning, Inc. and LearnStar, Inc. Combine Offerings to Engage Students**

**WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis., – July 7, 2006** – Renaissance Learning, Inc., a leading provider of computerized assessment and progress-monitoring tools for pre-K–12 schools and districts announced an agreement with LearnStar, Inc, an innovative publisher of interactive software for the K–12 school market. The agreement will allow educators to combine the benefits of LearnStar’s® SmartTRAX software with the breakthrough radio frequency (RF) technology of Renaissance Responder™ student handheld remote units.

Renaissance Responders are a key component of the Renaissance Classroom Response System™, the interactive system that makes it easy for teachers to get every student engaged and excited about learning. Through the use of its state-of-the-art wireless technology, teachers can know instantly whether or not students understand key concepts. The system’s user-friendly software allows teachers to set up questions in just seconds, and results are automatically sent to the built-in gradebook, which saves teachers time and eliminates paperwork. SmartTRAX software is a standards-based solution for improving test scores, increasing knowledge retention, and promoting critical-thinking skills. Combining these technologies gives teachers a powerful tool to fully engage students and receive immediate feedback on students’ comprehension of a wide variety of content aligned to state standards.

“We are extremely pleased to be working with LearnStar,” said Steve Schmidt, President and COO at Renaissance Learning. “Combining the Renaissance Responders with the fun and interactive SmartTRAX software is a great fit, and it builds upon our commitment to further the interoperability of the Renaissance Classroom Response System beyond the Renaissance Learning products.”

David Camp, LearnStar’s president, added, “The Renaissance Responders are a terrific, easy-to-use, cost-effective student response solution that will enhance the reach of our SmartTRAX software. We are very pleased to be working with Renaissance Learning to increase students’ access to quality instructional solutions and help them reach their full potential.”

**Renaissance Learning, Inc.**

Renaissance Learning, Inc. is a leading provider of computerized assessment and progress-monitoring tools for pre-K–12 schools and districts. Renaissance Learning products give students and teachers continuous feedback to inform instruction and help teachers and administrators motivate students, dramatically accelerate learning, and improve test scores. Renaissance Learning has seven U.S. locations and subsidiaries in Canada, India, and the United Kingdom.

**LearnStar, Inc.**

LearnStar, Inc. is an innovative publisher of interactive educational software for the K–12 school market. Featuring approximately 30,000 question items, LearnStar’s system is an interactive software solution that can be successfully integrated with a school’s existing technology.

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