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CTIA Expands www.AccessWireless.org

– Web site dedicated to making wireless access a reality for all –

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (CTIA) today announced its newly updated and expanded Web site www.AccessWireless.org, a one-stop source for the latest developments in expanding wireless services and improving wireless products for people with disabilities. The Web site highlights elements of wireless technology that people with disabilities may find especially helpful, and helps them keep up to date on the current news in accessibility of wireless service.

“CTIA is committed to bringing the benefits of wireless technology to as many people as possible, including our customers with disabilities,” said Tom Wheeler, President and CEO of CTIA. “In particular, we want to ensure that our customers with disabilities have relevant and up to date information to enable them to select the services and products that work best for them.”

The newly expanded Web site features a section highlighting frequently asked questions for hearing aid wearers who want to purchase a wireless phone, a list of wireless phones and accessories for hearing aid wearers, and a message board for consumers to share timely information about the combinations of hearing aids and wireless phones that work for them. Because hearing loss is so individual, no hearing aid and wireless phone combination can be guaranteed to work for everyone. However, the information provided on www.AccessWireless.org can be used to point hearing aid users in the right direction.

The Web site also features a Consumer Guide to Wireless Products, assisting those with disabilities in determining what features and functions might be most useful in a wireless product or service. Practical information on wireless devices and services is also provided, including a wireless glossary and wireless shopping tips.

Access Wireless is fully accessible and has a commitment to maintain accessible design through the use of HiSoftware Company "Cynthia Says" software. HiSoftware Company was the recipient of the prestigious 2002 da Vinci Award in the category of "Electronics & Information Technology" recognizing individuals, organizations, and corporations in the engineering, construction, and technical realm whose design innovations have improved accessibility, and empowered people, regardless of their physical ability.

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