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## **IBSU.net Announces Seamless Captioning Software Integration with Elluminate Live!**

### **Captioning/Streaming Text Provider Demonstrates VR Software and Machine Stenography Alternatives For Accessibility Within Live eLearning and Web Collaboration Environments**

**Moorpark, California (October 6, 2006)** – Internet Broadcast Services Unlimited ([www.ibsu.net](http://www.ibsu.net)), a cutting-edge provider of captioning and streaming text services, announced today that it has successfully demonstrated the use of both machine stenography transcription software and hybrid voice recognition software to supply open captions to live eLearning classrooms and web collaboration-based meetings, enabling participation by deaf and hard-of-hearing students, clients, and employees.

“This is a significant step in the evolution of this environment,” said Bill Courtland, owner of IBSU.net. “As a service provider, we now have multiple options for creating and streaming text to remote clients. The Elluminate *Live!* product line is the first to address the specific needs of the deaf/HoH population in this marketplace, and there’s a lot of excitement about that.”

Much of Courtland’s effort identifying viable captioning alternatives has been in conjunction with the National Center On Deafness at the California State University at Northridge, where he has worked for the last three years as a classroom caption provider. IBSU.net also uses Elluminate *Live!* to provide remote captioning to non-Elluminate clients in corporate and educational settings via the Internet. “The software makes it possible for us to provide service to anyone, anywhere, at any time,” Courtland stated.

Courtland also praised the efforts of Elluminate, Inc. ([www.illuminate.com](http://www.illuminate.com)) in working diligently to solve a kaleidoscope of accessibility issues in the live e-Learning environment. “The Elluminate *Live!* product is the only one of its kind to provide integration with screen readers like JAWS, magnifiers such as Dolphin’s Supernova, and alternative input devices, as well as captioning products. It’s just amazing to see the amount of consideration that has been given to the issues of the disabled by this company,” added Courtland. The company announced that it has tested and verified Elluminate *Live!* support for captions generated through not only two voice recognition products (ViaVoice and Dragon Naturally Speaking) but also the top machine stenography software products (Stenograph’s CaseCatalyst©, Advantage Software’s Eclipse©, and ProCAT’s WinnerVR©).

“Elluminate is very pleased to be working with IBSU to provide accessibility to those with hearing disabilities,” said Rajeev Arora, Vice President of Marketing & Strategy for Elluminate. “We take universal accessibility very seriously and our No User Left Behind technology ensures that all users, even those with physical impairments, can fully participate.”

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#### **About Internet Broadcast Services Unlimited ([www.ibsu.net](http://www.ibsu.net))**

IBSU.net delivers realtime streaming text for live eLearning classrooms and web collaboration-based meetings, as well as webcasting and streaming video captioning services worldwide.

Owner Bill Courtland, following many years in the court reporting education field, was the first to successfully demonstrate the use of voice recognition for captioning in live classrooms at the California State University, Northridge through its National Center On Deafness.