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Technology event takes a look at providing solutions for visual impairments

TALLADEGA – Individuals who are blind, visually impaired or deaf-blind will be able to try out new technology at the Technology Symposium June 7 – 8th at the Alabama School for the Blind in Talladega.

The free event is sponsored by the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS), the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB), and the Alabama School for the Blind Alumni Association. It is organized by Debbie Culver, ADRS coordinator of Blind Services, who leads the steering committee of the symposium.

“Technology has changed the lives of people with disabilities,” said Culver, “It has created solutions to obstacles in regard to independent living and employment.

Companies from all over the country will exhibit their new products at the two-day conference. The organizations exhibiting include Emerald Coast Vision Aids, BrailleSmith, En-vision America, Freedom Scientific, Eschenbach Optik of America Inc., Scott Vision, Gentry Assistive Technology, Aroga Technologies, Sight Savers, Humanware, STAR, UAB Eye Care and Optical South.

Along with the exhibits, there will be training opportunities on new technologies.

The June 7 and 8 trainings are open to any attendees. Topics include *Office & Outlook 2010 Made Easy, I'm in a Job Search, Now What?, Cellular Options for Individuals Who Are Blind or Have Low Vision, Accessible Digital Lifestyle, Utilizing Technology to Overcome Barriers to Employment for Individuals Who Are Deaf-Blind, Comparison and Contrast of Digital Book Readers and Appropriate and Positive Uses of Social Media.*

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The conference will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 3 and 9 a.m. to noon on June 4. Pre-registration and on-site registration are available.

AIDB is located at 205 South St. in Talladega.

Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind is the world's most comprehensive education, rehabilitation and service system serving children and adults who are deaf, blind or have multiple disabilities.

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services is the state agency whose mission is to enable Alabama's children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential.

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