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ATI and SMART Collaborate to Provide Dynamic, Integrated Technology in Support of Educators Seeking to Elevate Student Achievement

TUCSON, AZ/August 2011 — Assessment Technology Incorporated (ATI), a leading provider of online instructional improvement tools and data analysis, and SMART Technologies Inc., a leading provider of collaborative solutions, announce the SMART Response™ connector for Galileo®.

This combination provides a dynamic solution to empower educators with real-time data enabling them to discern their next teaching steps and supporting the ability to prepare aggregated reports on student and class progress. With the integration of ATI's Galileo K-12 Online Instructional Improvement System and SMART Response connector for Galileo, instruction can be both visual and active with vibrant engaging graphics and images while at the same time supporting one-to-one interaction by encouraging teachers to survey and engage student learning. This alliance is based on the use of research knowledge and supports the use of proven tools to enhance both the instruction process and the monitoring of student achievement.

With ATI's Galileo K-12 Online *Mercury* and SMART Response connector for Galileo, educational systems can deliver Galileo Instructional Dialogs and a wide variety of assessments including both formative and benchmark assessments. Using the SMART Response connector for Galileo, students provide their answers using remotes for SMART Response PE and SMART Response XE interactive response systems, instantly sending their answers to assessments and instruction to the Galileo K-12 Online database. SMART's previous model, Senteo™ interactive response system, is supported by and integrated with the Galileo connector but is no longer available for purchase. The SMART Response connector for Galileo instantly displays student responses and scores, enabling educators to monitor progress in real-time. When assessment or instruction is complete, student performance data can be aggregated generating standards-aligned reports within seconds. Immediate feedback gives educators the ability to modify their instruction, vastly improving data-driven instruction.

"The collaboration between ATI and SMART leverages the best elements of each system combining the technology and response systems that now offer educators a wide range of benefits, including a quick and

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easy means for assessment and instructional practices,” says John Bergan, Ph.D., President Assessment Technology Incorporated. “Our goal is to continue developing technology that offers educators flexibility while promoting efficiencies.”

For more than a decade, ATI’s Galileo K-12 Online Instructional Improvement System (IIS) has been successfully assisting teachers, parents, principals, administrators, state departments of education, and policy-makers in their efforts to elevate student learning. The Galileo K-12 Online IIS provides tools and services that support educators in establishing instructional goals, assessing goal attainment, forecasting standards mastery on statewide tests, and using assessment information to guide and evaluate the effectiveness of classroom instruction, enrichment, and reteaching interventions.

“The SMART Response interactive response system integrates seamlessly with the Galileo K-12 Online Instructional Improvement System,” says Linda Thomas, Vice-President, Products, SMART Technologies. “The combination of these two leading products enables teachers to gain quick, accurate insight into student comprehension and help students and teachers achieve learning objectives.”

The SMART Response interactive response system is available in a range of models that enhance learning and suit a variety of K-12 learning environments, including support for advanced math and science. Each model gives teachers the ability to instantly track quiz results and lesson comprehension to gain immediate insight into student learning and help increase overall retention and engagement.

About ATI:

Assessment Technology Incorporated, through Galileo K-12 Online, provides a fully integrated, standards-based Instructional Improvement System that combines the strength of research and the power of innovation to assist educators in promoting student mastery of local and state standards. As a leader in online testing, Galileo’s patented technology offers a broad range of assessment options including benchmark, formative, screening, and placement tests, plus interim and final course evaluations, pretests and posttests, and instruments documenting instructional effectiveness. ATI provides even more flexibility through ASK Technology, which supports the importation, scheduling, delivery, administration (online or offline), automatic scoring, and reporting on assessments created outside of Galileo K-12 Online. Galileo reporting tools coupled with curriculum and instructional dialog tools make it possible to continuously link information about student learning and instructional planning and teaching to promote standards mastery. ATI offers innovative technology that addresses an educational system’s goals when implementing standards-based strategies to help raise student achievement.

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About SMART:

SMART Technologies is a leading provider of collaboration solutions that transform the way the world works and learns. We believe that collaboration and interaction should be easy. As the global leader in interactive whiteboards, we bring more than two decades of collaboration research and development to a broad range of easy-to-use, integrated solutions that free people from their desks and computer screens, so collaborating and learning with digital resources are more natural.

For more information: www.smarttech.com