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Macmillan Publishing Solutions Provides NIMAS Conversion

May 15, 2007 – Macmillan Publishing Solutions (MPS) is officially recognized by the CAST NIMAS Development and Technical Assistance Center as a NIMAS content conversion service provider. In addition to the many formats that MPS converts files to, MPS is now actively offering NIMAS conversion services and workflows to major publishers throughout the world.

In 2002, the Department of Education authorized the Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST) to establish technical specifications for a voluntary national instructional materials accessibility standard (NIMAS). NIMAS helps to increase the availability and quick delivery of print educational materials in accessible formats to blind or other persons with print disabilities in the K-12 setting.

State and local education agencies complying with NIMAS will require publishers to submit NIMAS file sets to the National Instructional Materials Access Center (NIMAC) when contracting for the purchase of the instructional materials. The NIMAC serves as a national repository for NIMAS files, and a conduit through which NIMAS files are made available to authorized users so that these files may be converted into fully accessible textbooks and instructional materials for students with qualifying disabilities.

The NIMAS outlines a set of consistent and valid XML-based source files to be created by K–12 curriculum publishers or other content producers. These well-structured source files can be used to create accessible specialized formats (e.g., braille, audio, digital, large-print, etc.) of print instructional materials.

Macmillan Publishing Solutions helps publishers convert their material to the NIMAS standard. Files can then be delivered via various types of media (CD-ROMs, DVDs, PDFs, websites, etc.). The following are examples of such workflow:

- Convert Word/PDF book file to a NIMAS XML/NIMAS XHTML file.
- Generate NIMAS-compliant XML files in book publishing workflow.
- Create NIMAS-compliant websites.
- Create NIMAS-compliant mobile XHTML files.

About Macmillan Publishing Solutions

With three decades of experience in traditional publishing, Macmillan Publishing Solutions' expertise and services have grown along with the industry. The company is adept at composition, illustration, editorial, and new media services. MPS specializes in complex and technical subject

matter including science, engineering, mathematics, and foreign languages. MPS has a staff of more than 2,000 full-time employees in four offices: Portland, Oregon; Bangalore, India; Chennai, India and New Delhi, India.

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