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### **Freedom Scientific Announces PAC Mate 3.0 and JAWS 6.20 – Featuring Remote Access and Deaf-Blind Solutions**

(St. Petersburg, Florida, June 24, 2005) – Freedom Scientific will release PAC Mate 3.0 and JAWS 6.20 to coincide with this summer's NFB and ACB conventions, which begin July 2, 2005. PAC Mate 3.0 is a major update for the PAC Mate BX and QX series. When used in conjunction with the new JAWS 6.20, PAC Mate 3.0 enables the user to control a desktop PC remotely via ActiveSync.

“Using the new ActiveSync Remote PAC Mate feature, I can control my desktop computer right from my PAC Mate over a wireless connection while I'm on the patio,” said Eric Damery, Vice President of Freedom Scientific. “PAC Mate users are going to be thrilled with the ability to use their PAC Mate's keyboard, synthesizer, and braille display to drive their favorite desktop applications and manipulate documents stored on their computer.”

PAC Mate 3.0 also includes new support for AOL® Instant Messenger 2.0. Freedom Scientific has ensured that all AIM® functions are accessible using braille only. Now deaf-blind users have full access to AIM using a PAC Mate with a braille display, including message review and management of the Buddy List. This means that, with the telephone services for the deaf that Hamilton Internet Protocol Relay™ Services using AOL Instant Messenger can provide, deaf-blind users can communicate to a standard telephone in the 48 continental US states, using a PAC Mate with braille. AIM can be downloaded and installed on the PAC Mate. Links to compatible versions can be found at [www.pacmategear.com](http://www.pacmategear.com).

JAWS 6.20 also includes new capabilities for Freedom Scientific's Focus Braille Displays. Focus users can now enter braille directly into their documents using the Perkins-style keyboard incorporated in the display. Read about [Focus Braille Displays](#) on the Freedom Scientific Web site.

JAWS 6.20 is a free update to users running JAWS 6.0 or 6.10. Visit the [What's New in JAWS 6.20 Web page](#) for more information and to download JAWS 6.20.

PAC Mate 3.0 will be posted on the Freedom Scientific Web site by July 1, 2005. Users with a current warranty or Annual Software Agreement (ASA) can download the update at no charge. Otherwise, the update costs \$115.00.

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