Trace Research and Development Center
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Research – Participants Wanted

COMBINATION HEARING AND VISION DISABILITY Focus Group on Accessibility of Conference Calls and Webinars

This is one in a series of Focus Groups - each on a different major disability group. This one is for people with a Combination Hearing and Vision Disability.

If you have a combination hearing and vision disability and have experience participating in conference calls and webinars, please consider sharing your opinions and experiences in a focus group with the RERC on Telecommunications Access.

The RERC on Telecommunications Access will be conducting focus group discussions via conference call or email in the spring and summer of 2011. All of these discussions will gather consumers’ opinions and recommendations regarding what we are calling “telecollaboration,” or conference calls that are supported by shared media or other online support for the call. These may be group meetings or webinars.

The purpose of the study is to obtain up-to-date input from consumers about access barriers and solutions. This input will be used to guide our center’s development work and to educate companies that provide tools for telecollaboration.

Each participant will be compensated $60 plus related travel expenses for the focus group, which will be conducted via email over a two day period and will require a total of four hours of time over that period. The discussion will be conducted remotely so travel expenses are not anticipated. The requirements for participation are:

• Have participated in at least two conference calls within the past year.
• Reside in the U.S.
• Be 18 years of age or older.
• Have a combined hearing and vision disability that may affect accessibility of conference calls and computer screen information.
• Do not have a diagnosed emotional disability.
• Do not have a diagnosed condition of impaired decision-making.
• Have a computer and broadband connection active during the time period of the focus group.
• Have a Braille device/technology to allow you to use the computer.
• Be available for an email discussion at a time to be arranged with the RERC staff.

If you are interested in participating in this study please contact us at 608-263-3827 or at telecomstudy@trace.wisc.edu.