

## **\$3.2M Awarded for Research and Development with the BrainPort<sup>®</sup> Vision Device**

Middleton, WI, October 4, 2010 – Wicab, Inc., announces a grant for \$3.2M from the Defense Medical Research and Development Program. The funds will be used to evaluate and improve the BrainPort<sup>®</sup> vision device, a visual prosthetic designed for those who are blind, assisting in the areas of orientation, mobility, object identification and spot reading.

Wicab's Dr. Aimee Arnoldussen, PhD will lead the execution of the award milestones. World-class collaborators include co-PI Dr. Amy Nau, OD from the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center who will oversee human subject testing and outcomes assessments and co-PI Dr. Yaser Sheikh, PhD from the Quality of Life Technology Center at Carnegie Mellon University who will provide intelligent software enhancements. The award supports home testing of the BrainPort vision device by users who are blind, with feedback and test results steering future device developments.

The BrainPort vision device was developed by the late Dr. Paul Bach-y-Rita, a University of Wisconsin-Madison neuroscientist. The technology is covered by patents held by the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation ("WARF") and is exclusively licensed to Wicab. The BrainPort vision device is currently an investigational device and is not available for sale. Wicab Inc. is pursuing additional funding to support FDA clearance and commercialization. For more information, please visit [www.wicab.com](http://www.wicab.com).

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