Almost all organizations need multiple avenues to communicate and collaborate anytime and anywhere. Collaboration tools may be the answer. They can bridge the perceived gaps between co-workers, customers, applications and organizations from one remote location—your desk. From audio to video to Web conferencing, there are plenty of vendors that offer a variety of collaboration tools to increase an organization’s communication capabilities and meet increased performance goals. Here are some of today’s top collaboration tool vendors.

Interwise is a leading provider of complete enterprise conferencing. The company delivers live collaboration and e-learning solutions in one comprehensive platform. Interwise’s ECP Connect offers unlimited data, video and voice conferencing for enterprises at a fixed price. This collaboration and conferencing solution provides one platform and one application that includes functionality for six ways of communicating: voice conferencing, Web meetings, virtual classes, Web seminars, webcasts and on-demand recordings. Interwise’s distributed server infrastructure minimizes the “last-mile” problem and guarantees fast and reliable connections for online sessions. To learn more about Interwise’s products and services, visit www.interwise.com.

Microsoft Office’s Live Meeting gives companies the power to work together with colleagues, customers and suppliers no matter what time of the day or what location. For online meetings, training and events, Live Meeting is an effective meeting solution that enables users to collaborate with either individuals or large groups—without leaving their desks. Live Meeting provides interactive tools, integrates with existing systems and applications, and incorporates an easy-to-use interface that improves remote collaboration. With real-time collaboration capabilities and always-on Secure Sockets Layer encryption, Microsoft Office’s Live Meeting is convenient for online meetings or training sessions. For more information, visit www.microsoft.com/office/uc/livemeeting.

Saba is a leading human capital management software and services provider. Saba Collaboration leverages an open, scalable and configurable technology platform, a Web-based collaboration system to users’ Saba solutions to facilitate knowledge transfer and high-impact informal learning between individuals and subject-matter experts anytime and anywhere. Saba Collaboration enables collaboration associated with formal learning events or strategic initiatives. Its features include automatic member assignment, document sharing, frequently asked question repository, chat and threaded discussion, and expert location. In addition, Saba recently acquired Centra Software to extend its collaboration products and services. Saba now also offers Centra 7, Centra Live for Virtual Classes, Centra Live for Web seminars and Centra Live for eMeetings. To learn more, visit www.saba.com/products/saba/collaboration.

ConferencePlus Inc. is a leading global provider of audio, Web and video conferencing services. The company’s conferencing services are ideal for extending education beyond the classroom and allow users to leverage expertise across the organization. ConferencePlus’ services include AudioPlus, WebPlus, VideoPlus, EnhancementsPlus and ReportsPlus. AudioPlus is available for both fully automated and operator-assisted audio conferencing services to best suit the purpose of each conference call. WebPlus provides Web conferencing services for presentation forums and collaborative meeting places. WebPlus can be integrated with AudioPlus or be a stand-alone meeting. All of ConferencePlus’ services can be tailored to accommodate a company’s meeting needs with flexible enhancements including planning and post-conference follow-up. For more information about ConferencePlus, visit www.conferenceplus.com.
InterCall is one of the largest global service providers in conference communications. With more than 400,000 individual conference leaders in more than 40,000 organizations around the globe, InterCall provides a range of services including audio, event, Web and video conferencing solutions. There are dozens of conferencing options available for events alone. Leader-View is a Web-based tool that allows users to view in real-time the participants that are on the call, the ability to screen and prioritize a question and answer session. Mshow Web Conferencing brings the power of visuals to a conference call via the Web. Users can deliver PowerPoint presentations, go on Web tours and even whiteboard or collaborate on a document. To learn more about InterCall’s various services, visit www.intercall.com.

Arel Communications and Software Inc. is a provider of universal conferencing software solutions for enterprise-wide deployment of integrated voice, video and data Web conferencing/collaboration and training applications. Arel Spotlight Application Suite enables geographically dispersed users to work together in groups, attend webinars and panel discussions, participate in training courses, and have one-on-one meetings with customers or colleagues from virtually anywhere using a variety of end-user devices such as desktop PCs, video conferencing equipment and phones. The suite consists of three groups of integrated application modules: Arel Spotlight Meeting, Arel Spotlight Webinar and Arel Spotlight Campus. Arel Spotlight Meeting is designed for small work groups as well as one-on-one interactive meetings. Arel Spotlight Webinar is used for live Web-based seminars to present information designed for one-time or moderator-led events. The Arel Spotlight Campus solution covers all learning aspects for large corporate training applications. This module is designed for continuous blended courses, and includes comprehensive reporting, evaluation and authoring tools. For more information on Arel’s products, visit www.arelcom.com.

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