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Benson Medical Instruments Awarded Innovation Grant by United States Army

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (May 21, 2013) – Benson Medical Instruments has been awarded the United States Army’s SBIR (Small Business Innovation Research) Grant to fund research for an ear protection validation system in cooperation with the Sensory Research Division of the U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory, which is located at Fort Rucker, AL. Phase I of the contract is underway, and is scheduled to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2013. The overall objective of the research is to develop a system that accurately verifies the fit of commercially available hearing protection that is worn by soldiers and workers exposed to occupational noise.

Benson Medical Instruments Co., headquartered in Minnesota, has a longstanding reputation for innovating in the hearing conservation field, and providing industry-leading audiometers and software for occupational health programs. The company is a prime contractor of TriCare, the government’s health care program serving uniformed service members. For this grant, Benson Medical is focusing on interactive technology to automate the assessment of ear plug effectiveness.

“We are very excited about this SBIR Grant from the United States Army,” David Mayou, Benson Medical Instruments’ Sales Manager, states emphatically. “Our engineers and software programmers are applying their expertise to instrumentation for large-scale screening technology that will go a long way toward eliminating subjectivity in this field. Competing approaches rely heavily on human interaction, and because of the time needed, not all noise-exposed workers receive regular validation of the effectiveness of their hearing protective equipment.”

Benson Medical Instruments Co. designs and manufactures audiometers, spirometers, and software to manage hearing conservation and occupational spirometry programs for companies. For more information: David Mayou, Sales Manager, Benson Medical Instruments Co., 310 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 5000, Minneapolis, MN 55415 USA (Office) +1 612-827-2222 (Email) sales@bensonmedical.com (Website) www.bensonmedical.com

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