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**Editing Made Easy: Kirtas Technologies Offers BookScan Software Packages
- Feature-Rich Editing Tools Available as Standalone Products; Works with Every
System -**

January 18, 2006, ALA Midwinter Meeting, San Antonio, TX – Kirtas Technologies gives scanning fans another reason to “go digital” with the BookScan Editor™ and BookScan Editor Pro™ software packages. The standalone image processing software products are part of the Kirtas exhibit at the American Library Association’s Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio, January 20-23, booth #263 and 264. With these user-friendly, robust image processing software packages, any system can take advantage of the high-speed and high-quality capabilities available from Kirtas.

“I am thrilled to offer our state-of-the-art commercial image processing software as a standalone product to customers with virtually any book scanning system,” said Kirtas Founder and CEO Lotfi Belkhir. “The BookScan Editor will help fill a growing need for an automated, quality image processing software of bound document images.”

BookScan Editor helps users process page images from any bound document scanner, or those digitized from microfilm, converting pages to editable text. Intelligent cropping and deskewing, combined with automatic page segmentation help create an image output of such incredibly high quality, that the end result often looks better than the original. The automatic page segmentation capability enables very clear differentiation between text and graphics on pages which might include text along with a photo or illustration.

With BookScan Editor Pro, bound documents evolve into fully searchable databases. XML tagging of metadata creates fully searchable, digitized files. BookScan Editor Pro provides an ideal option for customers seeking enhanced accuracy for old or damaged documents, or customers interested in upgrading from BookScan Editor. The feature-rich options in BookScan Editor Pro are unique to the bookscanning market, particularly in a standalone software package. Features include: OCR and pdf conversion, multilingual

support for up to 177 languages, and “superbatching” of multiple books with various outputs per book.

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The BookScan Editor and BookScan Editor Pro software packages join the rapidly expanding Kirtas product portfolio, including two automatic bookscanners: the APT BookScan 1200 (capable of scanning 1200 pages an hour) and the APT BookScan 2400 (capable of scanning 2400 pages an hour). Kirtas provides a service bureau for organizations who wish to send their books to the Kirtas team for scanning with output in a finished digitized or hard copy format.

Kirtas Technologies automatic book scanning technology has been recognized with a number of industry awards. The company won *Popular Science's* “Best of What’s New Award” in 2003, and in 2004 Kirtas was named a top five finalist at the World Technology Summit and Awards. Other firms in the top five were Apple, Motorola, AMD, and Google.

About Kirtas Technologies

Kirtas Technologies was founded in 2001 with the vision of bringing to the digital realm the massive knowledge sitting on library shelves, government archives and corporate storerooms. Today, their revolutionary technology redefines digitization of all bound documents, delivering gentler handling and higher image quality faster, with fewer errors and at a lower cost than any other solution in the marketplace. For more information, visit their website at www.kirtastech.com.

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