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Open Source Election Technology (OSET) Institute Announces Research & Development Collaboration with Elections Ontario

San-Francisco, CA — The OSET Institute, a Silicon Valley-based nonprofit global election technology research and development organization, announced today a unique collaboration with Canadian partner, Elections Ontario.

“The initiative is intended to enable Elections Ontario to tap into, and leverage OSET Institute’s decade of expertise in elector and election administration technology,” said OSET’s Chief Operating Officer Gregory Miller. *“Our applied research team includes internationally known interactive designers formerly with Apple and Netscape Communications, and a core team of elite cyber security experts and veteran computer engineers who specialize in election technology as a public benefit—resources Elections Ontario is interested in collaborating with in pursuit of electoral innovations.”*

“Elections Ontario is committed to building modern services that put the voter first while maintaining the integrity and accessibility of the electoral process,” said Greg Essensa, Ontario’s Chief Electoral Officer. *“Collaborating with the OSET Institute will allow us to advance our modernization agenda by working with a team of election technology experts who have been developing solutions for a decade. OSET provides us with a ready-to-work state-of-the-art research and development lab.”*

For the OSET Institute, 40 percent of inbound inquiries about assistance and collaboration come in from outside the United States. OSET has a broad range of understanding of a variety of elector systems both locally and globally.

“The OSET Institute’s TrustTheVote Project contains a wealth of open-source software that can jump-start proof-of-concepts, prototypes, and pilots of any aspect of election technology,” said Miller. *“From elector registration, elections results reporting, analytics to ballot layout, production, electronic poll books and tabulators, innovative election technology can help make it convenient and easy to cast a ballot.”*

Elections Ontario (“EO”) is responsible for running provincial elections in Ontario. It is a non-partisan office of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, Canada, which means it has no political affiliation. EO is charged with protecting the integrity of the electoral process, and EO makes sure that Ontario provincial elections are independent, impartial, efficient, secure, transparent and accountable. EO also provides Ontarians with information they can use to learn more about provincial elections, the electoral process and how they can participate. EO is meeting the changing needs of Ontarians by improving and innovating the ways in which Elections Ontario runs provincial elections,

and is committed to making meaningful innovative changes over the long term. *“With this kind of a mission, the OSET Institute is an ideal match to collaborate with Elections Ontario,”* explained Miller.

About the OSET Institute

The Open Source Election Technology (“OSET”) Institute is a 10-year old tax-exempt 501.c.3 non-profit election technology research organization based in the Silicon Valley. OSET is led by a team of social entrepreneurs comprised of seasoned technologists with extensive hardware, software, and systems design experience from well-known Tech Sector companies including Apple, Netscape (AOL), Facebook, and Sun Microsystems (Oracle). OSET research is focused on how to make election technology more verifiable, accurate, secure, and transparent, with an objective to increase integrity, lower cost, improve usability, and expand participation. Research is based on open source principles in order to treat this technology as an imperative publicly available asset.

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