ELECTION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

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ELECTION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

Houston, TX – October 30, 2009 - The Election Technology Council (ETC), a national trade association representing manufacturers of the voting technology used by over 90% of the population in the United States, today announced changes in its structure and leadership in response to current economic conditions.

John Groh, Senior Vice President of Election Systems & Software will now serve as Chairman of the Election Technology Council and Marcus MacNeill, Vice President of Products and Partnerships for Hart InterCivic will serve as both Vice-Chairman and Treasurer.

"Besides the current challenging conditions with the economy at-large, the voting industry has been confronted with tremendous financial pressures over the last few years due to the rising costs of federal certification for our products and the budgetary stress that local governments are currently experiencing," said Groh. "Given these market realities, the ETC has changed its leadership and structure. The ETC will remain a functioning resource for policymakers at all levels of government as it has proven valuable for us to have one industry voice."

"In addition to the Board changes, the unfortunate economic realities mean that we must take a new approach with our association and can no longer afford to retain full-time representation through our Executive Director," added Groh. "David Beirne served as Executive Director for us during a very challenging time and positioned us well on the issues of the day while exploring substantive areas of policy reform. We thank David for his outstanding service and wish him all the best in the future."

About the Election Technology Council (www.electiontech.org)

The Election Technology Council (ETC) consists of companies that offer voting system technology hardware products, software and services to support the electoral process. The ETC represents manufacturers of the voting equipment used by over 90% of the population in the United States. These companies have organized as an industry trade association to work together to address common issues facing the industry. Membership in the ETC is open to any company in the election systems marketplace. Current members of the Election Technology Council include Election Systems & Software, Hart InterCivic, and Sequoia Voting Systems.

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