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Press Release

ELECTION INDUSTRY TRADE ASSOCIATION ISSUES TIPS FOR THE NATION'S VOTERS

Election Technology Council represents over 90% of the voting systems scheduled for use on November 4th in the United States.

Houston, TX – October 29, 2008 – With less than a week to go before Election Day, the leading voting system providers urge the nation's voters to take a few key steps to prepare for casting their ballots. The Election Technology Council, through its members, is committed to serving as a responsible partner in the conduct of federal, state, and local elections. As more and more attention is given to voting technology, it is important for the industry to outline a few key guidelines for voters as they prepare for Election Day:

- **Read all ballot instructions carefully.** Each voting system is unique and has its own specific set of instructions for properly marking a ballot. Taking a few moments to read the instructions prior to marking a ballot will help eliminate questions over voter intent and will likely speed the tabulation process especially when marking a paper ballot.
- **Be patient and do not rush while voting.** Voters who rush through their ballot may overlook certain contests or may inadvertently mismark their ballot.
- **Ask for assistance from precinct election officials.** Our nation's local election officials conduct extensive training of our poll workers. If a voter is unsure about something, take advantage of the expertise available to you and ask a poll worker for assistance.
- **Review all summary pages and feedback.** Whether voting on an electronic voting unit or casting a paper ballot that is counted at the precinct level, each system will provide an opportunity to review your selections one last time before casting the ballot. Take this opportunity to make one final check of your ballot.

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- **Review paper records (if available).** A number of states will be using electronic voting units with paper record attachments. If these are available, be sure to review the paper records to verify your selections are properly listed before officially casting your ballot.

“These guidelines underscore the need for diligence on the part of the voter to make sure their ballots will be accurately recorded. Adherence to these basic guidelines will produce educated voters and educated voters are confident voters,” said David Beirne, Executive Director of the Election Technology Council.

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, Premier Election Solutions and Sequoia Voting Systems.

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