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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ELECTION INDUSTRY TRADE ASSOCIATION AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS VOTING TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTION ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES

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Houston, TX – February 20, 2008 – The issue of voting technology continues to be an important topic of discussion for national and local media outlets. The Election Technology Council is pleased to announce that its Executive Director, David Beirne, is available to discuss key topics surrounding voting technology and election administration procedures as the nation completes the primary process and prepares for the 2008 General Election.

Prior to joining the Council as Executive Director, David Beirne, was an election official in both Texas and Florida and has personally used punch card, optical-scan, and electronic voting systems. He has ten years of experience in election administration and is a Certified Elections/Voter Registration Administrator through the Election Center and Auburn University.

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Key Topics Available for Comment Include:

Voting Technology: Since the 2000 election and the subsequent enactment of the Help America Vote Act, voting system providers have had to endure an evolving regulatory environment at both the federal and state level. The Election Technology Council represents 90% of the voting systems used in the United States and is well-versed with the competing issues that confront voting system providers and legislators as they attempt to assure voter confidence.

Voting System Security: Recent security reviews conducted in Ohio, California, and Colorado have failed to portray the realities of deploying voting technologies by ignoring the traditional procedural controls used to protect the integrity of elections. No threat model has been adopted for use by either voting system providers or election officials leading to confusion this election year.

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Election Contests/Recounts: The various technologies used for voting all have their unique abilities to conduct recounts or to aid in a full review of activities should an election contest become necessary. The Council, through its members, will be readily available to assist state and local election officials in any post election recount or contest.

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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