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LinuxWorld To Host Open Source Voting Demonstration

Attendees will have an opportunity to use open source voting to cast a mock ballot for the upcoming 2008 Presidential election

Framingham, MA – June 16, 2008 - IDG World Expo, the leading producer of world-class tradeshows and events, has announced that The Open Voting Consortium (OVC) has teamed-up with LinuxWorld to host a demonstration of open source voting at this summer's LinuxWorld event. Attendees will have a unique opportunity to use an open source voting system to cast a mock ballot for the 2008 Presidential election, as well as witness how the votes are tallied and available for recount using this system. LinuxWorld is scheduled to take place August 4-7, 2008 at San Francisco's Moscone Center.

The Open Voting Consortium is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the development, maintenance, and delivery of trustworthy and open voting systems for use in public elections. Since 2000, there has been a rush to modernize the voting system in the United States. Billions have been spent on new systems, but since they still rely on the same manufacturers and the same secretive proprietary methods, voters still can't verify how their vote is counted. Open source is an ideal solution for the voting application because it enables more complete public oversight by replacing secret processes. The OVC is a driving force behind the adoption of open source software in voting systems, making the voting process one that is truly owned by The People.

"We've been working collaboratively with experts from throughout the world to examine every aspect of voting scientifically and to advance needed reform so that confidence can be restored in American elections, and we're excited to bring the system we've developed to LinuxWorld®," said Alan Dechert, President and CEO, Open Voting Consortium. "With thousands of voters at LinuxWorld expected to cast ballots on the system, it will be the largest demonstration so far of the OVC voting system."

In addition to casting a mock vote for the next 2008 Presidential election, the ballot will feature key questions relevant to the open source community, as well as an opportunity to vote for a People's Choice Award for the best new product at LinuxWorld. Voting options for the People's Choice Award will be based on the final eight to ten products selected for the Annual LinuxWorld Product Excellence Awards.

"By hosting the OVC at LinuxWorld and offering a variety of contests for people to vote on, we're providing a unique way in which attendees can really engage in the event while simultaneously promoting a great initiative being conducted by the Open Voting Consortium," said Melinda Kendall, Vice President and General Mananger, LinuxWorld Conference & Expo®. "Personally, I can't wait to find out who will get the most votes for President of the United States!"

The balloting area will be located on the show floor and attendees are permitted to vote once. Votes will be tabulated every half-hour with results appearing on a large plasma screen within the voting area. The polls will close at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 7th and the final results announced shortly thereafter.

For more information about Open Voting at LinuxWorld, or to register for the event, please visit www.linuxworldexpo.com.

About The Open Voting Consortium
The Open Voting Consortium is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the development, maintenance, and delivery of trustable and open voting systems for use in public elections. We are comprised of computer scientists, voting experts, and voting rights activists. We have a growing international membership base, but our organizing efforts are currently focused in California where we are actively engaged in legislation and implementing Open Voting as a model for the United States.

About LinuxWorld Conference & Expo
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