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**Mobile Application Will Help Validate
Salvadoran Presidential Election Outcomes**

GERMANTOWN, Maryland, January 30, 2014 – Civil society organizations in El Salvador will pilot for the first time ever, the use of Transparencia Electoral, a mobile phone application, to capture, transmit, aggregate and validate voting results on Sunday, February 2, 2014. Once polls close, as voting tallies become available, Transparencia Electoral will aggregate results in near real time and long before the official outcomes are announced.

Iniciativa Social para la Democracia (ISD) and Fundación Visión Democrática (FVD) will capture and transmit the voting tallies in El Salvador on that Sunday. The aggregated results will serve to validate the official election outcomes in that country. Transparencia Electoral is a user-friendly and intuitive mobile phone application.

"We are thrilled to use Transparencia Electoral to monitor the national elections," commented Jorge Lemus, president of ISD. "This represents a new era for us, to be able to validate the results and if necessary, to trace back impugned or questionable votes."

The Transparencia Electoral mobile application was developed by Afilon, Inc., a company registered in the state of Maryland. "We have designed the application to work on Android, iPhone, and Blackberry phones," explained Afilon President Charles Vela.

Afilon engineers created Transparencia Electoral for use in countries that rely on a laborious process involving physically transporting and digitizing paper ballots and tallies in order to obtain national electoral results, a process that takes hours. "Transparencia Electoral allows electoral results to be available within minutes of transmission, contributes to enhance electoral confidence and the reliability of results, and decreases the cost of data processing" commented Vela.

Vela is a Salvadoran-American engineer and founder of the Jóvenes Talentos program at the University of El Salvador, which prepares Salvadoran youth to enter careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Vela established a similar program in the United States, receiving a Presidential Award from the White House for his contributions. Throughout his career, Vela has managed mission-critical, large-scale and complex programs that apply advanced technologies. His experiences cross various domains, including telecommunications, health, national security, and energy.

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