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High Tech Corporate Veteran Named as Vice President of Policy Development Support

Washington, D.C... January 26, 2010... David Olive, a seasoned expert in technology public policy formation has been selected to lead ICANN's Policy Development team in Washington, D.C.

Olive arrives at ICANN February 15, after completing a 20 year stint with Fujitsu Limited, where he most recently served in the company's Washington office as General Manager and Chief Corporate Representative.

Prior to his term at Fujitsu, Olive had a distinguished 14-year career as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer specializing in Trade, Investment and Technology Policy. He was awarded the U.S. State Department's Meritorious Honor Award for distinguished service.

"ICANN is undoubtedly one of the most important entities on the globe in terms of Internet governance," said Olive. "So it's exciting to land in a position, where I can exercise my passion for foreign affairs while exploiting my experience in technology policy formation."

Olive has been active in a number of technology-oriented organizations, including his service as a member of the Commercial Board of Directors of TechAmerica and as the Public Policy Chairman for the World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA), a consortium of over 70 information technology industry associations from economies around the world.

"David's skill sets are a perfect match for this position," said Rod Beckstrom, ICANN's CEO and President. "Our unique bottom-up policy formation model gives our international community an instrumental role in the development of ICANN's policies. And while that translates into some amazing opportunities, it also creates some unique challenges, and there's no doubt that with his demonstrated excellence in diplomacy and collaboration David is up to managing those challenges."

“We’re thrilled,” said Doug Brent, ICANN’s Chief Operating Officer. “We couldn’t have done much better than to have snared an acknowledged global expert in technology policy. One cannot help but be impressed when you simply see the work that David has done with WITSA.”

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To obtain a high resolution head shot photograph of David Olive, go here:

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About ICANN:

To reach another person on the Internet you have to type an address into your computer - a name or a number. That address has to be unique so computers know where to find each other. ICANN coordinates these unique identifiers across the world. Without that coordination we wouldn't have one global Internet. ICANN was formed in 1998. It is a not-for-profit public-benefit corporation with participants from all over the world dedicated to keeping the Internet secure, stable and interoperable. It promotes competition and develops policy on the Internet's unique identifiers. ICANN doesn't control content on the Internet. It cannot stop spam and it doesn't deal with access to the Internet. But through its coordination role of the Internet's naming system, it does have an important impact on the expansion and evolution of the Internet. **For more information please visit:** www.icann.org.