

INITIATIVE FOR SOFTWARE CHOICE

The following statement may be attributed to Melanie Wyne, Executive Director of the Initiative for Software Choice (ISC):

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Boston, MA, December 14, 2005 – “The ISC believes that the Commonwealth’s apparent move to broaden its document format options is a positive step for its own administration, citizens and local IT industry. What comprises a document continually evolves, as does the understanding of open data formats underlying the document. To this end, we hope that the administration’s policy going forward will work to employ specific, objective and license-neutral criteria that will work to evolve with, not work against, access to documents, in whatever form they may take. In this way, anyone in the IT industry now and in the future will have the information necessary to develop open documents, and the state of Massachusetts will have a policy that best fosters innovation and preserves choice.”



Pictures of several presenters at the ODF hearing, December 14, 2005, Massachusetts State House, clockwise, from top left: Senator Jack Hart (podium), Senator Dan Bosley (behind Hart) and Secretary of Economic Development, Ranch Kimball; Massachusetts’ CIO, Peter Quinn; IBM’s Bob Sutor; and Microsoft’s Alan Yates (pictures freely available in full format upon request).

About the ISC

The Initiative for Software Choice (ISC) is a global coalition of large and small companies committed to advancing the concept that multiple competing software markets should be allowed to develop and flourish unimpeded by government preference or mandate. For more information, please see us on the web at www.softwarechoice.org.

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