

## **ECI® DEVELOPS AN ONOS-BASED SOFTWARE DEFINED NETWORKING (SDN) CONTROLLER**

*ECI actively contributes with work supporting an ONOS use case for multilayer SDN Control of IP and optical layer networks*

Petach Tikva, Israel, December 17, 2015 --- ECI, a global provider of ELASTIC Network™ solutions for service providers, utilities and data center operators, announced today that it has chosen to team up with the open source SDN Network Operating System (ONOS) community. ECI will develop an open source, SDN controller and will use this controller in its own SmartLIGHT™ solutions portfolio. ECI joins a list of well-regarded contributors to the ONOS community and was cited in the latest Emu [press release](#) for its noteworthy role in work supporting the case for multilayer SDN control of IP and optical layer networks.

In today's world of consortiums and open source communities, the choice to bank on ONOS came at the end of thorough research on the part of ECI. “We chose ONOS rather than alternative consortiums for three major reasons: 1) The ONOS platform is more suitable for WAN, which is where we play; 2) We were looking for a carrier grade platform suited to our customers - from a scale and performance perspective; and 3) its aims for truly programmable networks,” said Hayim Porat, CTO at ECI.

Guru Parulkar, Executive Director and Board Member at ON.Lab/ONOS project said, “We look forward to ECI’s contributions to the community. ECI has added a great deal to our efforts by supporting the case for multilayer control of IP and optical layer networks. We are delighted that ECI shares our goals and is contributing to the initiatives of the consortium.”

The choice to develop an open source SDN controller is part of ECI’s recently announced ELASTIC network strategy intended to help customers be agile and flexible enough to easily, quickly and cost effectively adapt along with changing industry needs.

Mr. Porat continued, “As part of the ONOS consortium we intend to actively contribute, and hopefully take a thought leadership role. At the base of our ELASTIC network strategy we have sworn to provide our customers with an ecosystem which is open, vendor agnostic and secure. In doing so, we believe we can offer the customer the greatest flexibility in choosing what is best for them. As we have great confidence in the value and the superiority of ECI’s technology, it is also our belief that ECI will not only help to create a best in breed, universal standard within the consortium but will also be the ultimate choice of customers based on merit.”

**About the ONOS project**

ONOS is the open source SDN networking operating system for service provider networks architected for high performance, scale and availability. ONOS' ecosystem comprises of ON.Lab and organizations that are funding and contributing to the ONOS initiative. These include AT&T, NTT Communications, SK Telecom, China Unicom, Ciena, Cisco, Ericsson, Fujitsu, Huawei, Intel and NEC; members who are collaborating and contributing to ONOS include ONF, Infoblox, SRI, Internet2, Happiest Minds, KISTI, KAIST, Kreonet, NAIM, CNIT, Black Duck, CREATE-NET, ECI, Criterion Networks and the broader ONOS community. ONOS is a collaborative project at The Linux Foundation. Linux Foundation Collaborative Projects are independently funded software projects that harness the power of collaborative development to fuel innovation across industries and ecosystems. [www.linuxfoundation.org](http://www.linuxfoundation.org). For more information, please visit [onosproject.org](http://onosproject.org).

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