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CONTACT: William Stetson
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TO SUPPORT PROFILES RESEARCH NETWORKING SOFTWARE***Will act as authorized service provider for open source social networking and expertise mining technology*

NEWTON, MA, March 16, 2010 – Recombinant Data Corp., a healthcare data warehousing and clinical intelligence solutions provider, today announced that Harvard University selected the company to become an authorized support provider for Profiles Research Networking Software^[1]. The tool was developed by Harvard Catalyst, The Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center, and was officially released to the open source community yesterday by Harvard University.

Profiles Research Networking Software is a form of social networking and expertise mining technology that facilitates collaboration among academic researchers. The web-based software utilizes advanced algorithms that go beyond the display of directory information to encompass all of the professional connections individuals have accrued through their research communities. Social networks are formed automatically when individuals share common traits such as similar research interests, co-authorship on a publication, appointments in the same department, or offices or laboratories in the same building. The technology aggregates researcher data from numerous source systems including those operated by HR departments, publication data from PubMed, as well as both public and private directories. Individuals have the ability to modify their own profile and expand their social network by adding publications and new contacts that haven't been automatically discovered.

Profiles Research Networking Software was developed under the supervision of Griffin Weber, MD, PhD, Chief Technology Officer of Harvard Medical School and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, with the support of Harvard Catalyst. Harvard Catalyst is funded by a Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) from the National Center for Research Resources (a part of the National Institutes of Health) and financial contributions from Harvard University and its affiliated academic healthcare centers. The faculty at Harvard Medical School was the first group to adopt the technology, followed by the Harvard School of Public Health. The software has also been implemented at the University of California, San Francisco, with additional projects planned across a range of both CTSA and non-CTSA sites including the University of Minnesota and Health Sciences South Carolina (covering the Medical University of South Carolina, the University of South Carolina, and Clemson University).

“The technology has a tremendous amount of potential to assist researchers at other institutions, hence our release of the software to the open source community,” said Weber. “But success requires rapid adoption, including implementation and software support across many

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research centers. These are not core functions of Harvard Catalyst, which is why we turned to Recombinant Data Corp. to provide commercial aspects of software delivery and support, forming a unique professional open source industry collaboration.”

“We are excited about our implementation of Profiles Research Networking Software,” said Iain Sanderson, CMIO, Health Sciences South Carolina. “Professional open source offers institutions the benefits provided by a commercial software vendor without license fees and it lowers the risks associated with some open source applications. It also allows us to participate in project direction and feature development.”

Recombinant has taken on responsibility for day-to-day software activities including setup, configuration, customization, documentation, and integration services to third parties seeking to implement the technology at their own institution, while Harvard Catalyst remains focused on continued development of the software. Recombinant will be principally responsible for coordinating open source contributions, but the overall project is being managed via a governance committee chaired by Griffin Weber that others can join.

“Recombinant has been providing successful commercial open source support for a full range of NIH-funded tools such as the i2b2 Research Workbench and the Shared Health Research Information Network (SHRINE),” said Peter Emerson, CEO, Recombinant Data Corp. “Profiles Research Networking Software is another great product that is quickly gaining traction and looks as though it will become the standard across many research institutions.”

For more information, please visit www.recomdata.com/profiles.

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