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### **Ernst Publishing Supports Open Source Software Movement**

*Adopting OSI makes company a more agile developer and gives back to the community.*

**ALBANY, NY—January 22, 2013**—Ernst Publishing Company, the leading provider of technology and closing cost data for the real estate and home finance industries for the past 20 years, announced today that the company’s technology development team has begun leveraging the power and capabilities presented by the communities of Open-Source software.

Per the [Open Source Initiative](#) (OSI), “Open source is a development method for software that harnesses the power of distributed peer review and transparency of process. The promise of open source is better quality, higher reliability, more flexibility, lower cost, and an end to predatory vendor lock-in.”

“The pursuit of constant innovation requires us to develop technology faster and more economically than ever before,” said Gregory E. Teal, president and chief executive officer of Ernst Publishing. “OSI has emerged as the most effective way to meet that mandate. Our new technologies will make it to market faster, our tools will be more affordable and our engineers will have the opportunity to give something back to their communities. Everybody wins.”

Ernst is already using open-source software such as Linux in some of its servers, Mercurial, MediaWiki, and MariaDB (MySQL). Now the company is giving back to some of the projects that have provided past benefits. Specifically, the company has contributed code to the [Chef](#) project (a configuration-management tool). Ernst has also contributed documentation improvements, an improvement to the cookbook that installs the Perl programming language (adding compatibility to the Windows platform), and a completely new cookbook that installs the Zabbix monitoring agent for Windows computers. In addition, Ernst has contributed to the [RhodeCode](#) Source Control Management System, both in the forms of code and documentation improvements, as well as code for serving and interacting with Windows in both the Ruby and Perl programming languages.

But it’s not just code the company is giving back; it’s also time and experience. Harold “Waldo” Grunenwald, Ernst Publishing’s principal systems engineer, has contributed time to assisting with the Hurricane Sandy cleanup and recovery efforts as a member of [Team Rubicon](#). Team Rubicon’s mission is to unite the skills and experience of military veterans with medical professionals to rapidly deploy emergency response teams into crisis situations.

## **About the Ernst Publishing Company**

The Ernst Publishing Company has been the leading authority on land recording requirements for more than two decades. In fact, Ernst's recording fee, transfer tax and title data have been integrated throughout the title and lending industries. Due to RESPA requirements that went into effect in January 2010, accurate recording fees and taxes for recording documents have never been more important. Ernst excels at creating solutions for their clients to manage not just those fees—but also all vendor fees—with unparalleled precision. As a company, our goal is simple: Empower clients to not only meet RESPA's new compliance regulations for Blocks 4-8, but set the industry standard for client satisfaction, an attainable goal due to our patented technology, impeccable data standards, expertise at creating custom solutions, and network of partners.

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