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Ann Arbor, Mich. – October 17, 2012 – Internet2 today announced a new milestone, as the University of Maine System has become the 200th subscriber to the InCommon Certificate Service.

Internet2's InCommon Certificate Service opened for business in mid-2010 with a unique proposition: higher education institutions can acquire unlimited numbers of certificates, which are necessary for trusted interactions between web servers and browsers, among other uses, for one fixed annual fee. The program includes all domains owned or controlled by the campus, including .edu, .com., .net, and all others.

"This program changed the playing field for higher education," said Shelton Waggener, senior vice president of Internet2. "I know from my experience as chief information officer at the University of California Berkeley, the program paid for itself in less than a year. Campuses not only benefit from the ability to order unlimited numbers of certificates, but also in many cases can eliminate internal billing processes while dramatically increasing the use of these important tools. Everybody wins."

The Certificate Service is one of the trust services offered by InCommon for the education and research communities, and their sponsored corporate partners and is part of the Internet2 NET+ portfolio that makes available services designed and delivered for the higher education community. InCommon also operates the identity management federation for U.S. research and education, and offers multifactor authentication solutions. The Certificate Service is available to higher education InCommon participants, with additional discounts for Internet2 members. For more information see cert.incommon.org.

About Internet2 and InCommon

Internet2 is a member-owned advanced technology community founded by the nation's leading higher education institutions in 1996. Internet2 provides a collaborative environment for U.S. research and education organizations to solve common technology challenges, and to develop innovative solutions in support of their educational, research, and community service missions. For more information, visit www.internet2.edu.

InCommon, operated by Internet2, serves the U.S. education and research communities, supporting a common framework of trust services, including the U.S. identity management trust federation for research and education, a community-driven Certificate Service, a multifactor authentication program, and an Assurance Program, offering higher levels of identity assurance. The InCommon Federation enables scalable, trusted collaborations among its community of participants. InCommon has more than 450 participants serving 6 million faculty, students, and staff at higher education institutions and research organizations, as well as their sponsored partners. For more information, see www.incommon.org.