

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Management of Open Access Technology International, Inc.:

We have examined Open Access Technology International, Inc. (“OATI”) management’s [assertion](#) that for its webCARES SSL Certification Authority (CA) operations at its Bloomington, Minnesota, and Minneapolis, Minnesota, locations, throughout the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, and for its root and subordinate CA certificates as enumerated in Appendix A, OATI webCARES CA has:

- Disclosed its SSL Certificate lifecycle management business practices in its:
 - [webCARES Certification Practice Statement - Version 5.0](#)
including its commitment to provide SSL certificates in conformity with the CA/Browser Forum Requirements on the OATI webCARES CA website, and provided such services in accordance with its disclosed practices;
- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
 - The integrity of the keys and SSL certificates it manages is established and protected throughout their lifecycles; and
 - SSL subscriber information is properly authenticated (for the registration activities performed by OATI webCARES CA);
- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
 - Logical and physical access to CA systems and data is restricted to authorized individuals;
 - The continuity of key and certificate management operations is maintained; and
 - CA systems development, maintenance, and operations are properly authorized and performed to maintain CA systems integrity; and
- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that it meets the Network and Certificate System Security Requirements as set forth by the CA/Browser Forum based on Principle 4 of the [WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – SSL Baseline with Network Security – Version 2.5](#).

OATI webCARES CA’s Responsibilities

OATI webCARES CA’s management is responsible for its assertion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management’s assertion based on our examination.

The relative effectiveness and significance of specific controls at OATI webCARES CA and their effect on assessments of control risk for subscribers and relying parties are dependent on their interaction with the controls and other factors present at individual subscriber and relying party locations. Our examination did not extend to controls at individual subscriber and relying party locations and we have not evaluated the effectiveness of such controls.

Independent Certified Public Accountant’s Responsibilities

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management’s assertion is fairly stated, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about management’s assertion. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of management’s assertion, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Inherent Limitations

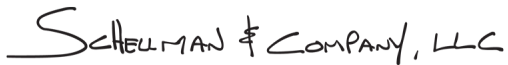
Because of the nature and inherent limitations of controls, OATI webCARES CA's ability to meet the aforementioned criteria may be affected. For example, controls may not prevent, or detect and correct, error, fraud, unauthorized access to systems and information, or failure to comply with internal and external policies or requirements. Also, the projection of any conclusions based on our findings to future periods is subject to the risk that changes may alter the validity of such conclusions.

Opinion

In our opinion, management's assertion, as referred to above, is fairly stated, in all material respects.

This report does not include any representation as to the quality of OATI webCARES CA's services other than its CA Operations at its Bloomington, Minnesota, and Minneapolis, Minnesota, locations, nor the suitability of any of OATI webCARES CA's services for any customer's intended purpose.

OATI webCARES CA's use of the WebTrust for Certification Authorities – SSL Baseline with Network Security Seal constitutes a symbolic representation of the contents of this report, and it is not intended, nor should it be construed, to update this report or provide any additional assurance.

SCHEFFMAN & COMPANY, LLC

Tampa, Florida
February 1, 2022



OPEN ACCESS TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL, INC. webCARES CERTIFICATION AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT'S ASSERTION

Open Access Technology International, Inc. ("OATI") operates the Certification Authority (CA) services known as OATI webCARES CA for its root and subordinate CA certificates as enumerated in Appendix A and provides SSL CA services.

OATI webCARES CA management has assessed its disclosures of its certificate practices and controls over its SSL CA services. Based on that assessment, in OATI webCARES management's opinion, in providing its SSL CA services at its Bloomington, Minnesota, and Minneapolis, Minnesota, locations, throughout the period January 01, 2021, through December 31, 2021, OATI webCARES CA has:

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Sasan Mokhtari, Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer
February 1, 2022

APPENDIX A – OATI webCARES ROOT AND ISSUING CAs

Name	Signature Algorithm	Certificate Thumbprint
OATI WebCARES Root CA	SHA-256	7A77C6C61EEEE9AA65C4EA410D65D895B26A8112 3283009DB104B48DE80B2479
webCARES Issuing CA 2017		EB584121D2C3F87D7D998B36EC428C4335180BAE BA41CE0C64823D7AD4D2E582
webCARES Root CA 2018	SHA-512	CDFD54F28E8E44CFA6D8848809530C65D80F452C
webCARES Issuing CA 2020		4A18621A189ACDEDBDD5ED2110036CFE256S5D7 B
webCARES Issuing CA 2021		0e2434264f908e2c02338a40d744a0518699f9b9