WASHINGTON, May 16, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Blackboard Inc., a leading education technology company for teaching, learning and student engagement, today announced that its market-leading flagship learning management system (LMS), Blackboard Learn, is now certified for the IMS Global Learning Consortium's Learning Tools Interoperability® (LTI®) 2.0 standard. The new standard is now available for Blackboard Learn in the SaaS (Software as a Service) deployment as a technical preview for both the Original and Ultra Experiences. Self-hosted and managed-hosted clients are expected to have access to LTI 2.0 for tools integration later this year.

The global openness standard LTI 2.0 provides a more sophisticated and extensible platform to enable deeper integrations and greater support for services and events. It incorporates more sophisticated outcomes reporting and a rich extensions architecture allowing additional services to be added gradually.

"We are proud that Blackboard Learn for SaaS is now certified for the latest LTI standard," said Phillip Miller, Vice President of Teaching and Learning at Blackboard. "Support of LTI 2.0 is yet another proof point in our commitment to openness and support of the Blackboard developers' network."

Partners and clients can now use the LTI 2.0 specification to create solution integrations that are accessible from various access points in Blackboard Learn with the Original and Ultra experiences. Specifically, the LTI 2.0 registration (tool proxy) services are supported along with the results service for returning scores to the gradebook. Other LTI 2.0 extensions and specifications including Content Item messages and Gradebook services are planned.

To learn more about Blackboard's support of LTI 2.0, please read the blog at: http://blog.blackboard.com/blackboard-learn-saas-now-supports-ims-lti-2-0-and-other-developer-news

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Our mission is to partner with the global education community to enable learner and institutional success, leveraging innovative technologies and services. With an unmatched understanding of the world of the learner, the most comprehensive student-success solutions, and the greatest capacity for innovation, Blackboard is education's partner in change.

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