



## End User License Agreement (EULA) for the Social Hotspots Database™, SHDB Datasets and SHDB web-based tools

### § 1 Preamble

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