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Workflow Management Coalition (WfMC) and Business Process Management Initiative (BPMI.org) Announce Historic First Joint Standards Meeting

Lighthouse Point FL. (May 06, 2002): The Workflow Management Coalition (WfMC) and the Business Process Management Initiative (BPMI) today announced that both groups have agreed to a first-ever formal joint meeting to be held in London Wednesday June 26, 2002.

Joint work will spotlight development of standards for Workflow and Business Process Management, with collaboration focusing on the standards revolving around Wf-XML, BPML and XPD L.

A definition of the business process being managed is key to workflow management technology. Accordingly, some experts feel that workflow technology is a superset of business process definition technology. Conversely others believe that, because business process management goes beyond workflow, workflow is a subset of business process management. The WfMC and the BPMI have acknowledged, at a minimum, a substantial overlap in process definition exists. Informal discussions have recognized that both organizations would benefit from common techniques for defining the business processes. These informal discussions have led to this forthcoming historic formal meeting.

“This is a significant step forward in the development of Process Management and workflow standards,” said Jon Pyke, WfMC chair and CTO Staffware. “The discussions between the two organizations will lead to both a reduction in the amount of effort expected to be extended on the development of standards, a reduction in the confusion on what the technologies are – and where they overlap – resulting in faster acceptance and take-up leading, inevitably, to wider acceptance of the technologies.”

Members of both BPMI.org and WfMC have been working and will continue to work on this technology. The joint meeting is open to members of either organization. The WfMC and BPMI organizations will share in any intellectual property resulting from this joint initiative and their contributions will be recognized appropriately through branding.

To attend the joint meeting, members of each organization should register online at their respective websites. Anyone else wishing to attend should explore membership in either or both groups through their respective web sites.

About the Workflow Management Coalition (www.wfmc.org)

The WfMC, founded in August 1993, is a non-profit, international organization of workflow vendors, users, analysts and university/research groups. The Coalition's mission is to promote and develop the use of workflow, in part through the establishment of standards for software terminology, interoperability and connectivity between workflow products. Consisting of over 300 members, spread throughout the world, the Coalition has become established as the primary standards body for this rapidly expanding software market.

The Workflow Management Coalition (wfmc.org) has worked strenuously for the adoption of standards throughout the industry. Standards allow process definition and modeling tools to be used to specify the business process implemented by a different workflow engine, allow business processing systems to invoke and be invoked by workflow systems, and allow multiple workflow systems (within a single or multiple organizations) to operate together. They provide a fertile environment for workflow component development to grow and flourish, giving a rich array of options for user organizations.

About BPMI.org (www.bpmi.org)

BPMI.org (the Business Process Management Initiative) is a non-profit corporation that empowers companies of all sizes, across all industries, to develop and operate business processes that span multiple applications and business partners, behind the firewall and over the Internet. The Initiative's mission is to promote and develop the use of Business Process Management (BPM) through the establishment of standards for process design, deployment, execution, maintenance, and optimization.

BPMI.org develops open specifications, assists IT vendors in marketing their implementations, and supports businesses in their use of business process management technologies. Currently comprising over 130 members, BPMI.org was initiated by Intalio, Inc. and created in August 2000 by a group of 16 enterprise software vendors and consulting firms. Membership is open to all companies, non-profit organizations, and individuals.

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