Record Numbers of Organizations Convene in Vancouver as ebXML Nears Completion

"Interest in ebXML continues to build at a phenomenal rate," said Robert S. Sutor, Ph.D., of IBM, vice chair of ebXML and member of the OASIS Board of Directors. "The ebXML Technical Architecture Specification gives implementers a clear understanding of the entire initiative and how the various ebXML specifications relate to one another."

The ebXML Technical Architecture Specification defines the relationships, interactions and basic functionality of ebXML specifications including those involving core components, business processes, registry & repository, messaging services, trading partner agreements and security. In addition, the Technical Architecture Specification provides an ebXML use case scenario and conformance guidelines.

"In developing this specification, we concentrated on translating business needs into a functional specification covering all aspects of the ebXML initiative," said Anders Grangard of EDI France, leader of the ebXML Technical Architecture Project Team. "We were careful to balance our definition of the ebXML architecture with the ongoing work of the other project teams."

More than 350 participants from Asia, Australia, Europe and North America approved the ebXML Technical Architecture Specification. The group, which gathered in Vancouver to advance the initiative, remains open to all interested organizations and individuals.

"We congratulate the ebXML Technical Architecture Project Team for being able to deliver this important ebXML component ahead of schedule," stated Klaus-Dieter Naujok of Netfish Technologies, chair of ebXML and member of the UN/CEFACT Steering Group. "They met the dual challenge to remain consistent with the ebXML Requirements document and to develop the Technical Architecture in parallel with the ongoing work of the other ebXML project teams."

Developers and all interested parties are encouraged to review the ebXML Technical Architecture Specification on [http://www.ebxml.org/specdrafts/approved_specs.htm](http://www.ebxml.org/specdrafts/approved_specs.htm).

About ebXML

ebXML ([www.ebXML.org](http://www.ebXML.org)) is an International Initiative established by UN/CEFACT and OASIS in late...
1999 with a mandate to undertake an 18-month program of work to research and identify the technical basis upon which the global implementation of XML (Extensible Markup Language) can be standardized. The goal of ebXML is to facilitate open trade between organizations regardless of size by enabling XML to be used in a consistent manner to exchange electronic business data.

About UN/CEFACT
UN/CEFACT ([www.uncefact.org](http://www.uncefact.org)[3]) is the United Nations body whose mandate covers worldwide policy and technical development in the area of trade facilitation and electronic business. Headquartered in Geneva, it has developed and promoted many tools for the facilitation of global business processes including UN/EDIFACT, the international EDI standard. Its current work programme includes such topics as Simpl-edi and Object Oriented EDI and it strongly supports the development and implementation of open, interoperable global standards and specifications for electronic business.

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