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New OASIS Standards Approved -- Directory Services Markup Language, ebXML Registry Service, and ebXML Registry Information Model

Boston, MA, USA; 29 May 2002 -- Three OASIS Committee Specifications, Directory Services Markup Language (DSML) v2, ebXML Registry Service (RS) v2, and ebXML Registry Information Model (RIM) v2, have passed final approval by the OASIS membership at-large to gain official status as OASIS Standards. To reach this milestone, each of these new standards have been approved by their respective OASIS technical committees, implemented by a minimum of three organizations, completed a 90-day review, and passed a final vote from the OASIS membership at-large.

"The OASIS technical process is a creative environment in which to build elegant specifications that solve real industry problems," said Colin Evans of Intel Labs, chair of the OASIS Board of Directors. "We congratulate and thank members of the OASIS Directory Service Markup Language Technical Committee and the OASIS ebXML Registry Technical Committee for all their outstanding efforts in advancing these new OASIS Standards."

"We are pleased at the member approval of DSML v2 as an OASIS Standard," commented Winston Bumpus of Novell, co-chair of the OASIS Directory Services Technical Committee. He explained that DSML provides a means of representing directory information in XML, enabling access to directory information for XML applications, cell phones and PDAs. "DSMLv2 is needed to extend the reach of directories into the emerging world of Web services."

ebXML RS and ebXML RIM allow information to be shared between interested parties through common registries. OASIS ebXML Registry Technical Committee chair, Kathryn R Breininger of Boeing, said, "The passage of the ebXML Registry Information Model and the ebXML Registry Services as OASIS Standards demonstrates the confidence the OASIS community has in our work. We look forward to moving forward with ebXML Registry standards, working with related efforts, and continuing to enable e-business functionality and interoperability."

Members of the OASIS ebXML Registry Technical Committee include Boeing, Intel, IONA, Logistics Management Institute, NIST, Sterling Commerce, Sun Microsystems, Vitria Technology, and others. Members of the OASIS DSML Technical Committee include Access360, Novell, and others.

Industry Support for New OASIS Standards

"As the security framework of eBusiness continues to evolve, standard directory access grows more and more important for conducting provisioning events within the internal and external enterprise environments. Business Layers believes that Directory Services Markup Language (DSML) will help companies leverage the use of directory information expressed as XML and in turn will help drive the efforts of extending LDAP directories to

XML-based applications. The combined benefits of both technologies will create a powerful open infrastructure for greater interoperability in the enterprise," said Adrian Viego, Chief Technology Officer of Business Layers.

"The approval of the DSML and ebXML Registry (RS and RIM) specifications as OASIS Standards is a positive step toward the achievement of truly open and interoperable business-to-business collaboration," said Eric Newcomer, Chief Technology Officer, IONA. "We're extremely proud of our contribution and leadership in defining Web Services related support in the ebXML Registry and are dedicated to the evolution of ebXML and the success of OASIS."

"Novell has long been an active supporter of open standards, because of the value of those standards in helping companies realize Novell's one Net vision - where intranets, extranets and the Internet work together as one," said Gary Hein, Vice President of Architecture and Strategy for Novell. "In that spirit, we're very pleased to have been involved in the development of DSML v2, which will help establish the role of directories in the emerging world of Web services."

"LMI strongly supports the efforts of OASIS and the OASIS ebXML Technical Committees. We are pleased with the tremendous opportunities the ebXML Registry specifications provide to achieve true interoperability in international business information exchanges, and we look forward to helping our U.S. Government clients in implementing registries that are fully compatible with these specifications," said Mark Crawford, Research Fellow, Logistics Management Institute.

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OASIS has more than 400 corporate and individual members in 100 countries around the world. OASIS and the United Nations jointly sponsor ebXML, a global framework for e-business data exchange. OASIS operates XML.org, a community clearinghouse for XML application schemas, vocabularies and related documents. OASIS hosts The XML Cover Pages, an online reference collection for interoperable markup language standards.

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