OASIS and UN/CEFACT to Host ebXML Showcase at XML Europe 2003 in London

Conference Will Highlight ebXML Implementations Around the World

*Geneva, Switzerland and Boston, MA, USA; 27 March 2003* -- International standards bodies, OASIS and UN/CEFACT, will host the ebXML Showcase in London, 5-6 May 2003. Highlighting the growing use of Electronic Business XML (ebXML) in a range of industries as well as ebXML’s role in Web services, the two-day event will be held in conjunction with IDEAlliance's XML Europe 2003 conference.

The ebXML Showcase is designed for developers and business managers worldwide with an interest in ebXML's modular suite of specifications for conducting business over the Internet. The event will feature answers to real-life questions of adopting the UN/CEFACT and OASIS ebXML standards for exchanging business messages, establishing trading relationships, communicating data in common terms and defining and registering business processes. Attendees will also hear about the business benefits of managing electronic commerce through ebXML from existing ebXML end users and software suppliers.

Keynote presentations from Paul Murphy of the European Commission, Patrick Gannon, president and CEO of OASIS, and Ray Walker, chair of the UN/CEFACT Steering Group, will be featured at the ebXML Showcase. The program will also include updates from ebXML users in the telecommunications, shipping, publishing, manufacturing, and e-commerce industries. Representatives of the United Nations, Fujitsu, NIST, SeeBeyond, Sun Microsystems, and others will present.

"ebXML adoption around the world has been steadily building, and some of the most pervasive and exciting applications are being implemented in Europe," said Patrick Gannon. "The London Showcase will offer industry organizations and business users the chance to learn more about planning, integrating, and implementing various combinations of the ebXML specifications in practical business scenarios. The program will explore how ebXML is being used to facilitate Web services with the support of global product vendors and the backing of major standards-setting bodies."

Ray Walker added, "We are very pleased that the ebXML specifications will be submitted to the UN/CEFACT plenary immediately following the ebXML Showcase. This should pave the way for a UN recommendation to industry, commerce and governments on the use of ebXML."

The ebXML Showcase will feature a presentation by the European ebXML interoperability pilot (a project of the CEN/ISSS eBES Workshop), demonstrating interoperable implementations of the ebXML Messaging OASIS Open Standard in a real-life use case scenario. The demo will employ e-business integration scenarios currently being used in a live ebXML messaging implementation at STEEL24-7, the vertical hub steel industry.
The ebXML Showcase http://www.xmleurope.com/2003/ebxmlconference.asp will be open to all XML Europe 2003 conference attendees, as well as to those who would like to register for the two-day event separately.

About ebXML

ebXML (www.ebXML.org [1]), jointly sponsored by UN/CEFACT and OASIS, is a modular suite of specifications that enables enterprises of any size and in any geographical location to conduct business over the Internet. Using ebXML, companies now have a standard method to exchange business messages, conduct trading relationships, communicate data in common terms and define and register business processes.

UN/CEFACT (www.uncfact.org [2]) is the United Nations body whose mandate covers worldwide policy and technical development in the area of trade facilitation and electronic business. OASIS (http://www.oasis-open.org [3]) is a not-for-profit, global consortium that drives the development, convergence and adoption of e-business standards.

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