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**WS-I Board Member Speaking at Gartner Application, Architecture,
Development & Integration Summit 2008 in Las Vegas, Dec. 8**

Organization Exhibiting in Summit's Standards Corner

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – Dec.1, 2008 – The Web Services Interoperability Organization (WS-I: www.ws-i.org) announced today that Board Member Christopher Ferris, IBM Distinguished Engineer and CTO of Industry Standards in the Software Group Standards Strategy Organization, will participate in an industry panel discussion entitled “How to Use SOA Standards Effectively,” on Dec. 8 at the Gartner Application Architecture, Development & Integration Summit (AADI) 2008 in Las Vegas.

Additionally, WS-I will be featured in the Standards Corner at the Gartner AADI Summit www.gartner.com/it/page.jsp?id=684111 Dec. 8-10. During the Summit, WS-I representatives will be on hand in the Standards Corner to answer questions about the organization, its deliverables, and how to become a member. The Standards Corner is part of the Solutions Showcase.

“Interoperability and security are critical factors for companies that are developing and deploying Web services,” said Chris Ferris. “WS-I addresses this by documenting best practices for the most widely used Web services standards, integrating those core standards into Profiles that help organizations ensure interoperability among WS-I compliant Web services.”

Moderated by Daniel Sholler, Gartner’s Research Vice President, the panel discussion will take place on Monday, Dec. 8, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Leaders from key standards organizations will explore how standards shape current implementations of SOA, and how they will evolve in the future. Ferris will be joined by James Bryce Clark of OASIS and Dr. Richard Soley of the Object Management Group (OMG).

About WS-I

The Web Services Interoperability Organization (WS-I) is an open industry organization chartered to establish Best Practices for Web Services interoperability, for selected groups of Web Services standards, across platforms, operating systems and programming languages.

WS-I comprises a diverse community of Web Services leaders from a wide range of companies and standards development organizations (SDOs). WS-I committees and working groups create Profiles and supporting Testing Tools based on Best Practices for selected sets of Web Services standards. The Profiles and Testing Tools are available for use by the Web Services community to aid in developing and deploying interoperable Web Services. WS-I also submits selected deliverables to standards bodies for eventual publication as international standards. WS-I deliverables may be downloaded at no charge from www.ws-i.org/deliverables/index.aspx. For more information, visit www.ws-i.org or send email to info@ws-i.org.

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