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WS-I Completes Web Services Interoperability Standards Work

Industry Collaboration Enables Interoperability in the Cloud

WAKEFIELD, Mass., USA – November 10, 2010 – After nearly a decade of work and industry cooperation, the Web Services Interoperability Organization (WS-I; <http://www.ws-i.org>) has successfully concluded its charter to document best practices for Web services interoperability across multiple platforms, operating systems and programming languages.

The release of WS-I member approved final materials for Basic Profile (BP) 1.2 and 2.0, and Reliable Secure Profile (RSP) 1.0 fulfills WS-I's last milestone as an organization. By publishing the final three profiles, WS-I marks the completion of its work. Stewardship over WS-I's assets, operations and mission will transition to OASIS (Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards), a group of technology vendors and customers that drive development and adoption of open standards.

Since 2002, WS-I has developed profiles, sample applications, and testing tools to facilitate Web services interoperability. These building blocks have in turn served as the basis for interoperability in the cloud. Companies from across the industry have collaborated to build an interoperable Web services foundation that will benefit customers well into the future.

Today's announcement is "gratifying," said Steve Holbrook, Chair of the WS-I Board of Directors. "Each member of WS-I has contributed to this massive and lengthy undertaking for the benefit of the greater Web community. This work was only possible through the cooperation, commitment and shared vision of each WS-I member organization."

Now that WS-I has achieved the goals it initially outlined in 2002, it is ready to transition ongoing maintenance of profiles to OASIS.

"WS-I's significant contribution to Web services interoperability will continue to play a vital role in the future of IT, especially with regard to cloud computing, where safe and reliable access to information is a requirement. As WS-I completes its transition to OASIS, we look forward not only to safeguarding their accomplishments but also to advancing their mission," said Laurent Liscia, Executive Director of OASIS."

Supportive statements and testimonials from Board member companies are available at:
<http://www.ws-i.org/press/pressannouncement.html>.

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). The 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. For more information, send email to info@ws-i.org or visit <http://www.ws-i.org>.

About OASIS

OASIS (Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards) is a not-for-profit, international consortium that drives the development, convergence and adoption of open standards for the global information society. OASIS promotes industry consensus and produces worldwide standards for the Smart Grid, security, Web services, XML conformance, business transactions, electronic publishing, and other applications. OASIS open standards offer the potential to lower cost, stimulate innovation, grow global markets, and protect the right of free choice of technology. OASIS members broadly represent the marketplace of public and private sector technology leaders, users and influencers. The consortium has more than 5,000 participants representing over 600 organizations and individual members in 100 countries: <http://www.oasis-open.org>.

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