



BPMI.ORG REFINES BPML SPECIFICATION AT SECOND MEETING

Over 50 Member Representatives of the Business Process Management Initiative Convene near San Francisco

SAN MATEO, Calif. - December 20, 2000 - BPMI.org, the Business Process Management Initiative, announced the second organization-wide meeting was held on Thursday, November 30 in Burlingame, CA. Over 50 experts in business process management participated in the meeting to discuss and enhance the Business Process Modeling Language (BPML) specification. Members also discussed organizational developments and laid out plans for future working groups.

"The Business Process Management Initiative will be very important for B2B eCommerce. This productive meeting concentrated on the technical details of the BPML specification, which is being developed by the many committed members of BPMI.org. These members bring considerable expertise in various areas of business processes, vastly increasing the probability of widespread implementation," states Mike Marin, FileNET's eProcess Architect. "FileNET is honored to be involved in the development of this important initiative."

BPML is a meta-language for the modeling of business processes, just as XML is a meta-language for the modeling of business data. BPML provides an abstracted execution model for collaborative & transactional business processes that span multiple applications, corporate departments, and business partners, behind the firewall and over the Internet. By covering the multiple dimensions of business process management in the open enterprise, BPML will bridge the gap between legacy IT infrastructures and emerging business-to-business collaboration protocols such as ebXML, RosettaNet, and BizTalk. The BPML specification will be made available to the general public in Q1 2001.

About BPMI.org

Founded in August 2000, the Business Process Management Initiative (BPMI.org) is an independent organization devoted to the development of open specifications for the management of e-Business processes that span multiple applications, corporate departments, and business partners, behind the firewall and over the Internet. BPMI.org complements initiatives such as J2EE and SOAP that enable the convergence of legacy infrastructures toward process-oriented enterprise computing and initiatives such as ebXML, RosettaNet, BizTalk, XAML, WSDL, UDDI, tpaML, and E-Speak that support process-oriented business-to-business collaboration. BPMI.org has been initiated by Intalio, Inc. and created by a group of sixteen enterprise software vendors and consulting firms. Membership is open to all companies, non-profit organizations and individuals.

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