



BPMI.ORG RELEASES FINAL DRAFT FOR BPML 1.0 AND FIRST PUBLIC DRAFT FOR THE BPMN NOTATION

Specification Duo Enables Standards-Based Business Process Management for the Enterprise

Denver, CO - November 13, 2002 - The Business Process Management Initiative (BPMI.org) today announced the release of the final draft for the Business Process Modeling Language (BPML 1.0) and the first public draft for the Business Process Modeling Notation (BPMN 0.9), making BPML the first business process modeling language to provide a graphical notation that can be used by business analysts for the modeling of executable and manageable business processes.

With the public availability of BPML and BPMN, organizations will benefit from a royalty-free stack of standards for business process management (BPM) that gives them access to best-of-breed solutions for managing enterprise-class business processes.

"The level of public feedback incorporated in the final release of BPML and the degree of participation in the development of BPMN indicate BPMI.org's commitment to achieving accepted, open and inclusive standards to support the growing number of companies who see their future in building upon a business process management foundation," said Howard Smith, co-chair of BPMI.org.

After more than two years in the making, BPML 1.0 is a mature language for the development of end-to-end business processes that support complex transactions, human interactions and interoperability with the Business Process Execution Language for Web Services (BPEL4WS). BPML 1.0 leverages the Web Service Choreography Interface (WSCI) for the definition of public process interfaces, and is designed to support the emerging WS-Security, WS-Transaction and WS-Coordination specifications for the secure and reliable execution of collaborative business processes within and across organizations.

"Business process management is about giving organizations better visibility, agility and accountability over their core business processes," said Ismael Ghalimi, chair of BPMI.org. "The joint release of BPML 1.0 and BPMN 0.9 is an unprecedented step toward realizing the vision of the process-managed enterprise."

Based on commonly accepted best practices and the collective experience of the leading process modeling tool vendors, BPMN is a comprehensive notation for the modeling of business processes that can be expressed in both BPML and BPEL4WS. As a result, BPMN is enabling the convergence of open standards for business process management.

"While XML-based business process modeling languages, such as BPML and BPEL4WS, provide business process execution and interoperability for BPM software, BPMN provides ease-of-use for the people who will design and manage business processes on a daily basis," said Stephen White, chair of the BPMN Working Group. "The collaboration of an elite group of software vendors and consulting firms with real-world experience in the modeling, execution and analysis of business processes ensures that BPMN is well suited for its target audience of business analysts and

process owners."

The BPML 1.0 specification is available royalty free for download from BPMI.org's web site at www.bpmi.org/bpml-spec.esp.

The BPMN 0.9 specification is available royalty-free for download from the BPMI.org's web site at www.bpmi.org/bpmn-spec.esp.

About BPMI.org

BPMI.org (the Business Process Management Initiative) is a non-profit corporation that empowers companies of all sizes, across all industries, to develop and operate business processes that span multiple applications and business partners, behind the firewall and over the Internet. The Initiative's mission is to promote and develop the use of Business Process Management (BPM) through the establishment of standards for process design, deployment, execution, control and optimization.

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