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ONTOLOGY.ORG JOINS BUSINESS PROCESS MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE (BPMI.ORG)

EL SEGUNDO, CA - August 7, 2000 - August 07, 2000 - Ontology.Org, founded by Computer Sciences Corporation (NYSE:CSC) in May 1998, has joined the Business Process Management Initiative (BPMI.org) led by Intalio, the Business Process Management Company. The initiative will standardize management of mission-critical business processes that span multiple applications, corporate departments, and business partners.

Other organisations joining the initiative as founders include Aventail, Black Pearl, Blaze Software, Bowstreet, Cap Gemini Ernst & Young, Computer Sciences Corporation, Cyclone Commerce, DataChannel, Entricom, S1 Corporation, Versata, VerticalNet, Verve, and XMLFund.

BPMI will define standards for the management of mission-critical business processes that span multiple applications, corporate departments, and business partners. The XML-based standards generated from the initiative will support and complement existing business-to-business collaboration protocols such as RosettaNet, BizTalk, and ebXML, as well as technology integration standards including J2EE and SOAP.

"We view the Business Process Management Initiative as furthering Ontology.Org's vision and we look forward to active participation. As enterprises expand their B2B horizons beyond trade and into other cross enterprise domains, the need arises for a semantically sound process meta-model to form the standard against which next generation business process management systems will be developed and deployed", says Kevin Poulter, CTO of Ontology.Org.

In a similar statement, Ontology.Org's sponsor, CSC, highlighted the critical need for Business Process Management Infrastructure. "We view our involvement in the Business Process Management Initiative as strategically important to our clients. CSC's clients demand industrial strength B2B solutions. Cross enterprise process reliability is key to this. Whilst current day B2B solutions are extremely powerful, standards will provide CIOs with new capabilities to manage process models as they do data models within DBMS systems today. We applaud Intalio for leading this initiative. No other group appears to be addressing this need", said Howard Smith, Director of Strategy for E-Business in CSC Europe.

The first deliverable of the Business Process Management Initiative will be the specification of the Business Process Modeling Language (BPML). BPML is an XML Schema that provides a standard way to model mission-critical business processes. XML (eXtensible Markup Language) is the new Internet standard for marking up data to facilitate exchanges of information between businesses, independently of applications and platforms.

By covering many dimensions of business process modeling that are specific to processes deployed internally to the enterprise, including business rules, security roles, distributed transactions, compensating transactions,and exception handling, BPML will bridge the gap between legacy IT infrastructures and emerging business-to-business collaboration protocols such as RosettaNet, BizTalk, and ebXML.

The Business Process Modeling Language will enable the enterprise to model, deploy, and manage business processes such as order management, customer care, demand planning, product development, and strategic sourcing. This will allow the IT infrastructure to provide greater adaptability to the business of the enterprise and easier manageability of constantly evolving business processes, eventually leading to higher levels of profitability.

About Ontology.Org

Founded in May 1998 by Howard Smith and Kevin Poulter of Computer Sciences Corporation, Ontology.Org is an independent industry and research forum focused upon the application of ontologies in Internet commerce. It is the central goal of Ontology.Org to use ontologies to address the problems that impact the formation and sustainability of large electronic trading groups. Ontology.Org has established a steering group of leading experts in the field of Ontology, XML and Internet commerce.

About CSC

Computer Sciences Corporation (NYSE: CSC) helps clients in industry and government use information technology to achieve strategic and operational objectives. With 52,000 employees in more than 700 offices worldwide, the company tailors solutions from a broad suite of integrated service and technology offerings, including e-business strategies and technologies; management and I/T consulting; systems development and integration; application software; and I/T and business process outsourcing.

Since its formation in 1959, CSC has been known for its flexibility in its relationships with clients. Through numerous agreements with hardware and software technology firms, the company is able to identify and manage solutions specifically tailored to each client's needs. CSC had revenues of $8 billion for the twelve months ended July 2, 1999. Its headquarters are in El Segundo, California. For more information, visit the company's web site at www.csc.com

CSC's global e-business programme, aims to identify and deliver online business solutions for individual clients and electronic trading groups, across both horizontal and vertical industry segments.

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