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WS-I Community Approves Board Expansion

150+ Member Community Votes to Add Two Elected Board Seats; Nominations Set for January

SAN FRANCISCO, October 17, 2002 — The Web Services Interoperability Organization ("WS-I") announced today that its member community has approved the proposal to expand the board of directors and add two new elected seats.

WS-I contributing members in good standing will be eligible to run for election. Nominations will be accepted beginning January 1, 2003 and must be received no later than February 15, 2003. Any company interested in running for board election will need to join the organization and participate in its work.

Elections will take place in March 2003. The term for the newly elected directors will begin on April 1, 2003.

"We're excited to see the continued industry-wide interest in WS-I and Web services," said Tom Glover, chairman of WS-I. "With today's decision we have implemented a fair and equitable process for electing new board members from the general membership so that companies that have expressed an interest in participating board activities can do so."

"WS-I is the most important organization for ensuring that software from different vendors can communicate using Web services standards," said Ted Schadler, group director of research at Forrester Research. "The WS-I's important work is to rise above software industry politics and give CIOs and companies confidence that the software they're buying conforms with basic conventions of interoperability. Forrester believes that today's move by the WS-I to allow new members to gain board status will benefit the software industry and firms that rely on software."

WS-I is an open industry organization committed to promoting consistent and reliable interoperability among Web services across platforms, applications and programming languages. The organization unites a diverse community of Web services companies by providing guidance, recommended practices and supporting resources for developing interoperable Web services. Since its formation in February 2002, more than 150 companies have joined WS-I. For a complete listing

of member companies, please visit http://www.ws-i.org. Companies that are interested in joining WS-I can request a membership kit by sending e-mail to: info@ws-i.org.

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