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Winners Announced for 2008 Global Awards for Excellence in BPM & Workflow

March 2, 2009 – Future Strategies Inc., is pleased to announce the Finalists for the *2008 Global Awards for Excellence in Business Process Management (BPM) and Workflow*. Co-sponsored by WfMC, BPMFocus.org and BPM.com and now in their 15th year, these prestigious awards recognize user organizations that have demonstrably excelled in implementing innovative business process solutions to meet strategic business objectives. There are five geographical regions. Each region receives one Gold and one Silver Award.

“We congratulate the 2008 winners for the particularly high standard of innovation shown in their BPM and workflow implementations,” said Nathaniel Palmer, Executive Director of the WfMC. “The positive impact on their business objectives has helped them move the goalposts for their respective industries.”

In judging, particular attention was paid to implementations that showed processes extending beyond the corporate boundaries to support customers, suppliers, trading partners and more.

Industry Analyst Derek Miers from BPM Focus commented on the strength of the entries, especially those from South America and Europe. “With a wide range of industries represented, the critical importance of driving performance improvement through more effective management of business processes was plain to see. The case studies presented provide compelling reading and clearly demonstrate the growing recognition of business processes as key business assets.”

The following list identifies the winners from each region.

Europe

Gold Award

- MIGROSBANK, Switzerland; nominated by Action Technologies Inc.

Silver Award

- Techspace Aero, BELGIUM; nominated by W4

Middle East-Africa

Gold Award

- PruHealth South Africa, South Africa; nominated by TIBCO

North America

Gold Award

- US MEPCOM, USA; nominated by Oracle Corp

Silver Award (tie)

- Tribunal Superior de Justicia del Estado de Hidalgo, Mexico; nominated by PECTRA Technology
- U.S. Xpress, USA; nominated by Cordys UK Ltd

Pacific Rim

Gold Award

- Fullerton India Credit Company Ltd., India; nominated by Newgen Software Technologies Ltd.

Silver Award

- Australian Health Plans, Australia; nominated by Polonious Pty Ltd

South and Central America

Gold Award

- Produbanco, Ecuador; nominated by BizAgi Ltd

Silver Award

- INMETRO, Brazil; nominated by Cryo Technologies

Now in their 15th year, the Awards were presented on Monday, March 2, 2009. BPMFocus.org and BPM.com jointly sponsor the annual Global Awards for Excellence in BPM and Workflow with support from industry associations Workflow Management Coalition (WfMC) and Object Management Group (OMG). This year the Awards Ceremony was presented in a virtual format with the Gold and Silver winners announced in a special webinar chaired by Derek Miers, lead judge. The Awards program is managed by Future Strategies Inc., publisher of unique books and papers on BPM and Workflow.

The slide presentation can be downloaded from www.bpmf.org

About the Workflow Management Coalition (www.wfmc.org)

The WfMC, founded in August 1993, is a non-profit, international organization of workflow vendors, users, analysts and university/research groups. The Coalition's mission is to promote and develop the use of workflow through the establishment of standards for software terminology, interoperability and connectivity between workflow products. Comprising over 300 members worldwide, the Coalition is the only standards body for this specific software market. The creation of the WfMC Standards Reference Model has proved its importance in other areas of technology, most notably the ISO Seven Layer reference model for computer communications.

ABOUT BPM Focus (www.bpmfocus.org)

BPM Focus is a new member network formed by the recent merger of Enix Consulting and WARIA (Workflow and Reengineering International Association). The new organization extends the traditional services offered by Enix and WARIA through a range of educational services focused around the BPM arena. The BPMF Learning Framework is a program of BPM Development & Deployment courses incorporating best practices for BPM project delivery and supporting techniques from the best thinkers in the industry. Both organizations have traded continuously since 1992 and this merger is a natural extension of a long tradition of collaboration.

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