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ASC X12 and DISA Announce 2012 Guilbert and Bass Award Honorees

Industry leaders honored for their contributions to cross-industry e-business exchange standards development

Falls Church, VA – October 10, 2012 - The Accredited Standards Committee X12 (ASC X12) and its Secretariat, the Data Interchange Standards Association (DISA), presented the 2012 Edward Guilbert e-Business Professional Award and 2012 Earl J. Bass e-Business Achievement Award at the ASC X12 Standing Meeting in Rochester, NY.

The Guilbert Award, the highest level of recognition bestowed upon e-business standards professionals since 1991, recognizes significant career contributions in e-business message development. The award is named in honor of Edward A. Guilbert, who served as a logistics officer during the Berlin Airlift of 1948 and later created the first system to exchange data electronically. Mr. Guilbert was a true pioneer in Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).

Mr. Bob Miller and Mr. Kim Santos were selected as the 2012 Guilbert Award winners. Mr. Miller served ASC X12 as both the Chair and Vice Chair of X12C Communications & Controls. In his work with X12C, he was a major contributor and subject matter expert in the development of X12.5 Interchange Control Structures, X12.6 Application Control Structure and X12.56 Interconnect Mailbag Control Structures. Mr. Miller is retired from GEIS/GXS as a VAN support specialist and consultant.

Mr. Santos is a retired U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer. He was instrumental in the development of the original Manifest application at CBP through the use of the precursor to X12, the Transportation Data Coordinating Committee (TDCC) standards. Mr. Santos was an active participant at ASC X12 dating back to 1986. He was elected as the first Chair of Transportation's Task Group 9 – Customs, when the task group was formed in 1994. He continued as chair until his retirement from CBP in 2010. In addition to chairing Task Group 9, Kim was an active participant in other Task Groups within Transportation, including Ocean, Motor, Rail, and the full Transportation Subcommittee.

The Bass Award recognizes outstanding achievements and leadership in the development and use of EDI and Extensible Markup Language (XML) messages during the past year. Earl ("Buddy") Bass was the principal author of the first EDI standards manuals, based on input from transportation industry work groups. As a technologist, his most significant contribution to EDI is the simple, elegant, coded syntax notes used to unambiguously describe the conditional requirements of data elements within a segment.

The 2012 Bass Award recipient is John Bock of eEmergence. Mr. Bock championed the development of the first set of ASC X12 implementation guides to support the reporting of post-adjudicated data for institutional, professional and dental claims. These implementation guides will enable the health care sector to meet federal and state reporting requirements. Mr. Bock has been a member of ASC X12 since 1996, and has made significant contributions to the advancement of EDI within ASC X12 and other standards related organizations.

"DISA is pleased to recognize these industry leaders for their accomplishments in the development of cross-industry electronic standard transactions that enhance business processes and productivity," said Jerry Connors, President, DISA.

About ASC X12
ASC X12, chartered by the American National Standards Institute more than 30 years ago, develops and maintains EDI and CICA standards along with XML schemas which drive business processes globally. The diverse membership of ASC X12 includes technologists and business process experts, encompassing health care, insurance, transportation, finance, government, supply chain and other industries. For additional information, visit www.x12.org.

About DISA
The Data Interchange Standards Association (DISA), Secretariat to ASC X12, is home for the development of cross-industry e-business interchange standards that help organizations improve business methods, lower costs and increase productivity. DISA provides administrative and technical support to ASC X12. For additional information, visit www.disa.org, or call (703) 970-4480.

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