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ISO COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DATA STANDARDS FOR INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION TO HOST AN OPEN “INDUSTRY DAY” NEAR PHILADELPHIA

BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA, MARCH 26, 2014: ISO technical committee 184 subcommittee 4 (ISO TC 184/SC4) is holding its semi-annual meeting at the ACE conference center in Lafayette Hill just outside Philadelphia. The meeting starts on Monday, May 5th and concludes on Friday, May 9th. Delegates from twelve countries are expected to attend the meeting to work on international data standards for model based engineering and Smart Manufacturing with life cycle data management and quality master data.

International standards for industrial data play a critical role in design, engineering, manufacturing, operations and maintenance by bridging the gaps between engineering and manufacturing as well as between engineering and procurement.
Understanding the role data standards play in the context of a globally integrated industrial marketplace is valuable to all companies regardless of their size.

As part of the weeklong meeting the committee is holding an open industry day on Wednesday May 7th to explain the benefits of international standards for industrial data and to learn from U.S. industry about their challenges in managing engineering information from design through procurement to operations and repair. The ISO meeting includes experts from manufacturing, oil & gas, process & power, aerospace, automotive and shipbuilding as well as software suppliers and industry associations. Decision makers in organizations looking to improve interoperability, model based engineering and enterprise data management using international data standards will find this a unique opportunity not only to gain a better understanding of the standards but to provide feedback to the standard developers and influence their work. If you have come to the conclusion that it is better to shape your own future than to have others shape it for you, this is a unique opportunity to meet your fellow experts and national delegates and to participate in leveraging the new business capabilities enabled by international data standards. For more information, please visit: http://www.eccma.org/2014tc184sc4/industryday.php.

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Editor’s notes

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[www.eccma.org](http://www.eccma.org) is an international not for profit membership association founded in 1999 with the mission to research, develop and promote better quality data for use in electronic commerce. The Association first developed the UNSPSC as a global commodity classification and went on to develop the ECCMA Open Technical Dictionary (eOTD) to allow the creation and exchange of unambiguous, language independent descriptions. The eOTD is based on the Federal Cataloging System and the NATO Codification System, the systems used to manage the world’s largest shared inventory developed by the Department of Defense at a cost in excess of $3 Billion and used today by over 50 countries. ECCMA is the American National Standards (ANSI) appointed administrator of the US Technical Advisors Group to ISO Technical Committee 184 Sub Committee 4 (TC 184/SC 4), a leading ISO technical committee responsible for the development and maintance of international standards for industrial data.

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