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**PDES, Inc. Announces 2015 Brad Rigdon Technical Management Award Winner
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PDES, Inc. announces that Allison Barnard Feeney of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is the winner of the 2015 Brad Rigdon Technical Management Award.

Ms. Feeney is a member of the leadership team for the Application Protocol 242 Edition 2 standard for model-based engineering and 3D design. This complex standard is the flagship for a



Figure 1. Allison Barnard Feeney of NIST receives the Brad Rigdon Award from PDES, Inc. Board Chairman Dr. Mike Jahadi of Lockheed Martin

new architecture for ISO 10303 standards and is being augmented to include electrical and wire harness capabilities.

Ms. Feeney met the criteria for the award through the following accomplishments:

Admired for her technical depth of knowledge, Ms. Feeney repeatedly navigated the complex technical details to ascertain and lead her team toward the best overall solutions.

Ms. Feeney strategically balanced the detailed requirements of designers and manufacturers with the higher-level requirements of life cycle support and systems engineers. Because of this, when teams became mired in details, she was able to see a solution that satisfied both higher-level strategic and detailed design requirements, and has demonstrated this ability in several technical areas.

Shielding her team from management politics and non-technical issues, Ms. Feeney allowed them to focus on the technical work at hand. She often negotiated among different teams at the ISO SC4 level, and worked with the leaders



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of related standards to make sure the activities of her team were coordinated at a higher level and supported NIST in its overall goal of developing interoperable standards that are used by Industry across the supply chain.

Ms. Feeney leads by example and demonstrates a tremendous drive to help her team succeed by working unusual hours when required and doing whatever needs to be done without complaint. She can often be found setting up ad hoc meetings to resolve issues or develop plans to ensure the successful outcomes without delaying scheduled milestones. PDES, Inc. General Manager Jack Harris said, "We are lucky to have Allison as part of the PDES Inc. team. I have always valued her technical understanding and leadership, and she is very deserving of the Brad Rigdon Technical Management Award."

The PDES, Inc. Executive Board established the Brad Rigdon Technical Management Award in honor of Brad Rigdon who served as the first President of the PDES, Inc. Board. The Board presents this award annually to a PDES, Inc. member who has demonstrated superior technical management skills on a PDES, Inc. project.

PDES, Inc. is a member-based consortium focused on the development and implementation of model-based standards to support the digital enterprise. Founded in 1988, the organization includes members from Industry, Government and Academia. More information can be found at <http://pdesinc.org/>.

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