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SCRA APPLIED R&D ANNOUNCES 2013 PDES, INC. AWARD

Bryan K. Martin Technical Excellence Award to Alain Roche of Dassault Systèmes

Charleston, SC – May 1, 2013 – SCRA Applied R&D's *PDES, Inc.* consortium today announced the annual Bryan K. Martin Technical Excellence Award winner. The 2013 award was presented to Alain Roche of Dassault Systèmes at the Spring *PDES, Inc.* offsite meeting held in Gaithersburg, MD.

Roche has been involved in the testing of ISO 10303 (STEP) since 1999 and joined the Long Term Archiving and Retrieval (LOTAR) project in its early stages. He has added tremendous value as a technical leader and contributor and is a key contributor to the Recommended Practices published by the CAx-IF to aid other STEP implementers in their endeavors. Roche regularly assists other participants in clarifying technical issues and has played a leading role in many of the successful efforts to extend the STEP manufacturing standard.

Roche, a renowned expert for the implementation of STEP in many areas, carries considerable weight with the user community when evaluating the feasibility of new requirements. Dr. Michael R. Jahadi, President and Chairman of the *PDES, Inc.* Executive Board said, "Roche is one of the key contributors to the CAx-IF and that Roche's technical expertise and leadership in proposing new technologies for STEP have set an example for the entire *PDES, Inc.* team."

The *PDES, Inc.* Executive Board established the Bryan K. Martin Technical Excellence Award in memory of Bryan K. Martin, whose exceptional record of strong leadership and tireless work helped to achieve *PDES, Inc.* goals. The Board presents this award annually to a *PDES, Inc.* member who has demonstrated superior technical contributions to the program.

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