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**PDES, Inc. Announces 2016 Bryan K. Martin Technical Excellence Award Winner**  
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PDES, Inc. announces that Thomas Hedberg, Jr. of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is the winner of the 2016 Bryan K. Martin Technical Excellence Award.



*Figure 1. Thomas Hedberg, Jr. of NIST receives the Bryan K. Martin Technical Excellence Award from PDES, Inc. Technical Advisory Committee Chairperson Ms. Karen Kontos of Honeywell*

As Project Leader of the Testing the Digital Thread project, Tom led a team comprised of representatives from numerous member companies including both manufacturers and CAD/CAM/CMM (CAx) software vendors, and was responsible for coordination of the work effort across domains of expertise in design, manufacturing, quality inspection, technical writing, and testing. His leadership success was reinforced by his energy and enthusiasm, oral and written communication skills, and technical prowess in CAD modeling and PMI. His industry experience enabled him to interact technically with other aerospace industry members, small manufacturers, and CAx Software vendors – critical collaborators for the success of this effort. The results of this multi-year effort culminated in a peer-reviewed journal publication and provided confirmation that model-based processes have advanced to a sufficient point for starting widespread deployment of model-based practices in industry.

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.

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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