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**SCRA APPLIED R&D’S *PDES, INC.* ANNOUNCES NEW MEMBER***Engisis Joins Product Data Standards Consortium*

**North Charleston, SC- May 1, 2013 –** SCRA Applied R&D’s *PDES, Inc*. consortium today announced that Engisis joined as its newest member organization.

Located in Rome, Italy, Engisis is an international company working with public and private organizations in the Aerospace and Defense and Automotive and Energy sectors. Services provided by Engisis include consulting, training, and research projects to assist organizations in deploying standards in support of enterprise integration. By providing standards-based solutions to its customers, Engisis helps ensure consistent treatment and quality of their product data across the product life-cycle.

*PDES, Inc*. is an international consortium with 26 members from industry, government, and academia. Since 1988, *PDES Inc*. has accelerated the development and use of model-based standards for the Digital Enterprise. Initiatives include model-based engineering, model-based manufacturing, model-based sustainment, data exchange testing, and standards development.

SCRA is the host contractor for the consortium and provides program management, financial, and contracting services.

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**About SCRA**

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SCRA is an applied research corporation with over 30 years of experience delivering technology solutions with high returns on investment to federal and corporate clients. To fulfill our mission, SCRA has three sectors: Our Technology Ventures sector helps early-stage companies to commercialize innovations and create jobs, our Applied R&D sector manages over 100 national and international programs worth over $2 billion in contract value and our R&D Facilities sector builds and manages research facilities that include wet labs, secure rooms for sensitive work and advanced high-tech manufacturing shops. Multiple economic impact studies show SCRA’s cumulative output on South Carolina’s economy to be over $15.3 billion.

More information about *PDES, Inc.* can be found at [www.pdesinc.org](http://www.pdesinc.org).