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PDES, Inc. Welcomes New Member Istari Digital

Membership deepens collaboration to advance ISO STEP standards across the digital thread

Dallas, TX [August 5, 2026] — PDES, Inc., the leading international consortium focused on advancing digital engineering standards and interoperability, today announced that Istari Digital has joined PDES, Inc. as a member organization.

As a PDES members, Istari Digital will collaborate with industry, government, and technology partners to advance practical implementation of ISO STEP standards to enable standardized, trusted data exchange from design and engineering through manufacturing, sustainment, and operational environments. PDES, Inc. provides a neutral forum where stakeholders align standards development with real-world implementation needs, and this partnership will support use cases that connect engineering intent to manufacturing, sustainment, and operations through a continuous, standards-based digital thread.

"Welcoming Istari Digital to PDES, Inc. strengthens our ability to translate standards into real-world impact," said Allison Barnard, General Manager of PDES, Inc. "Their focus on digital engineering and model-based approaches aligns directly with our efforts to extend ISO STEP standards downstream and ensure they're trusted across the enterprise. Collaboration like this is essential to improving how organizations communicate and execute in increasingly complex digital ecosystems."

"Istari Digital is proud to join PDES, Inc. and contribute to a community that is shaping the future of digital engineering," said Tom McCabe, Chief Operating Officer of Istari Digital. "Standards-based interoperability is foundational to successful digital transformation. Through PDES, we look forward to collaborating with members to drive ISO STEP standards downstream and improve communication across organizations, systems, and disciplines."

About PDES, Inc.

PDES, Inc. is a not-for-profit consortium dedicated to developing and maintaining ISO 10303 standards for product data representation and exchange, as well as LOTAR standards for long-term archiving and retrieval of product data. By connecting the digital enterprise, PDES, Inc. helps organizations achieve seamless interoperability across their supply chains. For more information, visit <https://pdesinc.org>.

About Istari Digital

Istari Digital is the agentic AI infrastructure for defense, aerospace, and other industries where failure is not an option. Its decentralized platform connects data and AI agents across tool, organizational, and classification boundaries without requiring data consolidation. With Istari, programs move faster, teams collaborate across fragmented ecosystems, and every participant retains control of their systems and intellectual property. Because in a world where AI moves fast, no-fail missions don't have to choose between speed and security. For more information visit istaridigital.com or follow [Istari Digital](#) on LinkedIn.

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