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PDES, Inc. Welcomes Auburn University to the Consortium

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PDES, Inc. is proud to announce that Auburn University has joined the consortium. Auburn brings extensive research and applied expertise in digital manufacturing, systems engineering, artificial intelligence, supply chain innovation and the digital thread, strengthening collaboration among academia, industry and government to advance standards-based interoperability.

Auburn's research community includes centers and institutes addressing many of the technologies and challenges shaping the future of manufacturing, including advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, supply chain innovation and digital engineering.

"Auburn University is excited to join PDES, Inc. and contribute to the consortium's efforts to advance digital engineering, the digital thread and prepare manufacturing organizations for the increasing role of artificial intelligence," said Christian Zamiela, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering at Auburn University.

Auburn's digital manufacturing research is supported by the university's Interdisciplinary Center for Advanced Manufacturing Systems (ICAMS), which serves as a testbed for developing and demonstrating new capabilities while supporting small- and medium-sized manufacturers in adopting advanced technologies and standards-based practices.

Auburn's participation will support PDES, Inc.'s strategic priorities, including model-based systems engineering, accelerating the digital thread and AI readiness. Auburn's combination of academic research and practical manufacturing engagement will bring additional perspectives to the development and implementation of standards for the digital enterprise.

"We look forward to working with Auburn to advance digital thread connectivity and the use of AI in the digital manufacturing space," said Allison Barnard, General Manager of PDES, Inc. "Auburn's expertise in systems engineering, advanced manufacturing and machine learning provides an excellent complement to the capabilities already represented within the PDES consortium."

About Auburn University

Founded in 1856, Auburn University is a public land-grant research university committed to education, research and outreach. Auburn conducts research across a broad range of disciplines, with a particular emphasis on addressing real-world challenges through interdisciplinary collaboration and partnerships with industry and government. For more information about Auburn University, visit <https://www.auburn.edu/>

About PDES, Inc.

PDES, Inc. is a not-for-profit consortium dedicated to developing, testing, and maintaining ISO 10303 standards for product data representation and exchange, and 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. The latest advances in product data interoperability are shared via PDES, Inc.'s annual Global Product Data Interoperability Summit (GPDIS). For more information about PDES, Inc, visit <https://pdesinc.org>. For more information about GPDIS, visit [GPDIS – Global Product Data Interoperability Summit](#)