

New PDF/A Competence Center Chair for North America is Appligent Document Solutions CEO

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May 5, 2010, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania -- [Appligent Document Solutions](#) (ADS) today announced that its CEO, Duff Johnson, will chair the North American chapter of the [PDF/A Competence Center](#), the industry group dedicated to promoting awareness and adoption of ISO 19005, the international standard for archive-quality PDF electronic documents.

In October, 2002, Appligent became one of the first organizations to join the effort to create the PDF/A International Standard for archiving electronic documents, now known as ISO 19005.

Founded in 2006, the PDF/A Competence Center now helps over 100 members with shared experiences and resources designed to educate and assist implementers of ISO 19005 for electronic document archiving and quality-control purposes.

"The PDF/A Competence Center has led the way in promoting PDF/A throughout Europe," said ADS CEO Duff Johnson. "Quite frankly, it's time for North America to catch up, and I'm pleased that we can add our own resources to help make the case for PDF/A, advancing awareness and adoption of this critical technology here in North America."

PDF/A is a limited subset of the much broader ISO 32000 PDF international standard. Creation, validation and (when necessary) conversion of input files to meet PDF/A standards offers institutions and other organizations handling mission-critical content the assurance that such files will be reliable 10, 30 or 100 years hence, regardless of original operating system or application software.

Harald Grumser, Chairman of the PDF/A Competence Center, said: "On behalf of the PDF/A Competence Center Board and myself, I'm very pleased that Duff Johnson will represent the PDF/A Competence Center as Chair of the North American chapter. Duff has been an industry thought-leader and tireless advocate for PDF standards for years. We're delighted that he and Appligent Document Solutions will be able to lend their dynamism to promoting PDF/A as the solution for long-term storage of electronic documents."

"We are looking forward to expanding the PDF/A Competence Center's activities in the US this year in cooperation with Appligent Document Solutions," Grumser said.

About Appligent Document Solutions

Appligent Document Solutions is one of the oldest and most innovative independent PDF technology companies in the world, with customers in the government, financial services, insurance, manufacturing, publishing and legal sectors, among others. The company invented PDF redaction and form-flattening and was first to market with PDF-specific server applications for forms, stamping, appending, encryption and digital signatures, all available on the leading server OS platforms. The company created the first business document service bureau for PDF files in 1996, and now offers PDF forms development, Section 508 compliance, document automation and publication imaging services, among others. Appligent Document Solutions is a leader in the continuing development of PDF International Standards, with active participation in ISO 32000 (PDF), ISO 19005 (PDF/A) and ISO/CD 14289 (PDF/UA). For more information, visit www.appligent.com.

About the PDF/A Competence Center

The PDF/A Competence Center (www.pdfa.org) was established as an international association in 2006. The objective of the association is to promote the exchange of information and experience in the field of long-term archiving in accordance with ISO 19005 (PDF/A). The management board is composed of executives from callas software GmbH, Compart AG, intarsys consulting GmbH, LuraTech Europe GmbH, PDF Tools AG (CH) and PDFlib GmbH. Within less than three years, more than 100 companies and various experts from over 20 countries have joined the PDF/A Competence Center. The executive chairman is Harald Grumser, CEO of Compart AG. Dr. Hans Baerfuss, CEO of PDF Tools AG, Switzerland, is the executive vice-chairman.

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