

# DGI UPDATE

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#### Commentary - DGI Fully Automates AS2 Testing with InSitu - Saves Manpower and Further Enables Global Testing

The AS2 3Q05 interoperability test round that begins in September is expected to include approximately 30 software products and will be the first AS2 test round in which all products are required to be InSitu-enabled. InSitu is an innovative technology developed by DGI for conducting automated interoperability testing. DGI developed InSitu to reduce the manpower and time required of participants to complete the interoperability tests. InSitu also supports global testing and resolves the initial challenges of testing across many time zones.

InSitu technology was first introduced in 2003 to a few software companies that expressed interest in automating their AS2 products for testing. DGI developed this technology because it anticipated the growing numbers of AS2 vendors and the need to streamline the testing process for participants.

In the fourth quarter of 2004, DGI announced that InSitu would be mandatory beginning with the September 2005 AS2 Interoperability round. DGI anticipates that with 100 percent usage of InSitu, testing time will

be reduced by approximately half. The tester will now be able to concentrate on resolving the issues between products and not on the administration of the test which in the past has created additional work.

DGI's AS2 1Q05 Interoperability test round completed in February 2005 proved to be very successful, with two-thirds of the participants testing with InSitu. In a follow-up questionnaire to the AS2 1Q05 test participants, participants were asked to provide feedback about testing with and without InSitu. The responses were extremely positive and offered testimonials that the InSitu technology reduces manpower effort in testing and improves the testing experience for those that had automated. Some even said that they were looking forward to when everyone used InSitu.

Meanwhile, the InSitu technology continues to improve with additional reporting capabilities being developed. These capabilities include enhancements for AS1, AS3 and multiple attachment options for AS2 automated testing. Some of the participating companies have already begun to enhance their products with these new test additions.

More information about InSitu technology may be found at:

<http://www.drummondgroup.com/html-v2/insitu.html>

Or, for additional details about joining DGI's standards testing, please visit the DGI website at:

<http://www.drummondgroup.com/html-v2/join.html>

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Test Programs supported by DGI

Drummond Certified. Test and auditing of the CSOS standard. Current information and test results are listed at:

<http://www.drummondgroup.com/html-v2/csos-cert.html>

eBusinessReady. Testing standards AS1, AS2, AS3, ebMS, CPFR, UCCnet and RosettaNet. Current test results are listed at:

<http://www.ebusinessready.org/results.html>

Global Data Synchronization Network. Current information and interoperability test results are listed at: <http://www.gs1.org/>

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Frequently Asked Questions about CSOS -

< <http://www.drummondgroup.com/html-v2/csos-faq.html> >

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DGI's 2005 Test Calendar may be viewed at:

<http://www.drummondgroup.com/html-v2/test-calendar.html#2005>

ebMS Interop (10/24/ - 12/16) - Register by Sept. 23, 2005.

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DGI Calendar of Events

In 2005, join DGI representatives, industry solution providers and other technology leaders as they meet at annual conferences and trade shows to understand and implement the technological advances being made in today's business world.

Note that DGI representatives will be attending the AIAG AutoTech 2005 conference which will run Monday, Aug. 29 through Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Cobo Center in Detroit. Senior automotive executives will present their insight on today's automotive industry challenges at the Industry Breakfasts and Luncheons scheduled for the conference.

To register for your [free exhibit hall pass](http://www.drummondgroup.com/html-v2/events.html) at AutoTech 2005, please see: <http://www.drummondgroup.com/html-v2/events.html>

For additional conference and registration details, please visit:

AutoTech 2005

Aug. 29-Sept. 1

Detroit, Michigan

<http://www.aiag.org/autotech/index2005.cfm>

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Recent Press Releases

"Six Software Products Certified for AS3 Interoperability by eBusinessReady Program"

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ - August 9, 2005 - eBusinessReady®, an industry-neutral software certification program under joint partnership of GS1 US™ (formerly the Uniform Code Council, Inc.® (UCC®) and Drummond Group Inc. (DGI), today announced that six software products from six leading companies successfully passed interoperability testing for AS3 (Applicability Statement 3) specifications. By successfully completing this recent AS3 interoperability test round, participants demonstrated a proven means for supply chains to securely interact with their trading partners.

Companies whose products passed the AS3 second quarter 2005 interoperability test include: Axway, Cleo Communications, Cyclone Commerce, Inovis, iSoft Corporation, and nuBridges LLC.

See full release:

< [http://www.ebusinessready.org/pr\\_as3.cfm](http://www.ebusinessready.org/pr_as3.cfm) >

"Drummond Group Facilitates First CSOS Auditing Certification on DEA Regulations"

ORLANDO, FL - June 14, 2005 - Drummond Group Inc. (DGI), a leading interoperability and conformance testing company, today announced that it has completed the first auditing certification for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Controlled Substances Ordering System

(CSOS). CSOS is an electronic commerce initiative overseen by the DEA to provide an automated alternative to the current paper-intensive process required for purchasing and distributing Level I and II controlled substances. DGI is the first to provide CSOS auditing services such as delivering certification for software products-with-version in compliance with DEA rules.

See full release:

< <http://www.drummondgroup.com/html-v2/press.html> >

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DGI Research Report Services

1) "AS2, ebXML or SOAP: Which Messaging Standard to Select for Your Supply Chain and Why" - now only \$199 USD -

<<http://www.drummondgroup.com/html-v2/research/soap.html>>

DGI research continues as it highlights three Internet messaging standards: AS2, ebXML and SOAP. It offers in-depth comparisons on which standards to implement based on technology and business criteria, and illustrates how they can accommodate the majority of today's business messaging needs.

2) "Making Sense of AS2: An Implementation Guide" - \$95 USD

<<http://www.drummondgroup.com/html-v2/research/as2-guide.html>>

In a balanced, vendor-neutral manner, "Making Sense of AS2" provides an introductory overview and covers the basics of AS2 implementation. Guidance includes how to resolve common technical issues faced by network administrators while implementing this technology to securely and reliably transport data over the Internet.

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