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I can still remember the early days when a software company asked me why they had to test with all of these other products. "We are just fine," he said. "We did all of our QA testing against our test platform. What's the big deal about interoperability testing?" Boy, have we come a long way!

In 2006, interoperability testing is now a critical component of software utilized for Internet transactions. Software vendors are telling us (rather than us telling them) that Drummond Group Inc. is, in effect, extending their quality assurance testing. By enabling software companies to test with a larger base of software on open standards, the company is able to debug their product in a more "real-world" environment than they are able to do in their own test environments. The customer endorsement quotes on our website at [www.drummondgroup.com](http://www.drummondgroup.com) shows the growing importance to the software vendors.

In 2006, the Drummond Certified program was successfully launched and welcomed by numerous industries and their software applications. DGI conducted several test certification events and multiple international companies delivered a wide selection of newly interoperable software products. And we continue to work with a variety of industries that find this testing a way for software to more consistently meet their needs. DGI maintains its commitment to our customers and in 2007 we pledge to continue to improve and strive for neutral, fair and consistent testing.

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As the year winds to a close, we would like to thank each of you for your support and participation in DGI test and certification events in the numerous standards, including AS1, AS2, AS3, ebMS, GDSN and CSOS audits. If you are using the tested technology or developing software, we are very excited about the plans for 2007 to better support your needs in testing. We also are excited about testing digital identity standards with Liberty Alliance next year (see press release below), so keep an eye on this column.

Once again, as families come together to celebrate their faith, to welcome the New Year and treasure the simple joys of life, Drummond Group wishes you a blessed, rewarding and safe holiday season.

**Beth Morrow**  
**President,**  
**Drummond Group Inc.**

- **Liberty Alliance Selects Drummond Group To Expand Interoperability Testing Program**

The Liberty Alliance – December 12, 2006 – Liberty Alliance, the global identity consortium working to build a more trusted Internet for consumers, governments and businesses worldwide, today announced that Drummond Group has been selected to expand and manage Liberty Alliance interoperability testing on a global basis. Drummond Group will provide Liberty Alliance with valuable new testing capabilities and global support services to further increase the breadth and scale of Liberty’s industry-leading interoperability program.

Liberty Alliance is the only global identity organization with a history of testing vendor products for true interoperability of identity specifications. Since launching its Liberty Interoperable program in 2003, nearly 75 identity products and solutions from vendors around the world have now passed Liberty Alliance interoperability testing. The relationship with Drummond Group enhances the Liberty Interoperable program by adding, among other services, full matrix and global Internet-based testing capabilities. These services will increase the effectiveness of interoperability testing worldwide.

“The success of the Liberty Alliance interoperability program demonstrates the global demand for identity products and solutions that have proven to interoperate and can deliver real business value quickly,” said Roger Sullivan, vice president of the Liberty Alliance management board and vice president of business development for Oracle Identity Management. “With today’s news, Liberty Alliance will provide organizations in every market segment with new interoperability assurances based on the leading testing capabilities from Drummond Group.”

**About Liberty Alliance**

Liberty Alliance is a global identity consortium with a membership base that includes technology vendors, consumer service providers and educational and government organizations working together to build a more trusted Internet by addressing the technology, business and privacy aspects of digital identity management. The Liberty Interoperable program is designed to test vendor products for true interoperability of Liberty’s open identity specifications. A listing of products that have passed Liberty interoperability testing is available at

[http://projectliberty.org/liberty/liberty\\_interoperable/interoperable\\_products](http://projectliberty.org/liberty/liberty_interoperable/interoperable_products)

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