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NCG Supports BIAN's Establishment of a North American Chapter

Portland, Maine, May 1, 2015: Northcross Group (NCG) has taken a leadership role as a founding organization and working group chair for the BIAN (Banking Industry Architecture Network) North American Chapter Planning Meeting, held at the PNC Financial Services Group in Pittsburgh, PA on May 1, 2015. The establishment of a North American chapter provides the framework for focus on standards and content development unique to the United States and Canada.

The meeting featured presentations and discussion about applying the BIAN standard in the vendor selection process, BIAN's academic partnerships as presented by representatives from Carnegie Mellon University, and BIAN's continued leadership and development efforts in support of core banking transformation and standardization.

"The complexity and unique factors in the United States and Canada warrant efforts under the BIAN mission of establishing international semantic standards for the banking industry's data to develop content and materials specific to North America. This more direct applicability will be helpful in engaging more banks and organizations within North America in BIAN-related efforts," said NCG President Christopher Bender.

BIAN is defining a common, flexible, service-oriented architecture (SOA) framework for the banking industry with the goal of establishing a common language. Established in 2008, BIAN's mission is "to assist and guide the banking industry towards a consensus-based approach to achieving the vision of a flexible architecture which is closely aligned with business objectives of increased agility and reduced cost by asking leading banks to share their requirements for core services and leading software and services vendors to implement these services based on formally defined semantics."

NCG has been a member of BIAN since 2014 and is part of the Analytics, Back Office Processing, Business Operations, and Service Landscape Committees. For more information on BIAN, visit www.bian.org.

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