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## Industry Leaders Announce New Software Quality Testing Certification

PLANO, Texas – EDS, an HP company; the International Software Quality Institute (iSQI); and Rex Black Consulting Services (RBCS) today announced a new worldwide quality testing certification that establishes a new standard for the education of software testers.

The Quality Assurance Management Professional (QAMP®) certification helps technology organizations increase the effectiveness of, and achieve better business outcomes with, applications that meet business needs with reliable performance.

Product development, whether it is defining requirements or implementation, is no longer a centralized project as most companies operate development teams that work concurrently from locations worldwide. As a result, it is increasingly important to ensure that project teams are on the same page throughout the entire process.

“Worldwide standardization is the key to the success of quality testing services,” said Stephan Goericke, director, iSQI, and inventor of QAMP. “QAMP provides a modular certification that bridges the gap between business analysis at the front end and test execution at the back end of the process. Moreover, year-long project experience is also recognized and independently evaluated.”

“Widespread adoption of QAMP will help certified professionals effectively and efficiently work together to build quality software,” said Rex Black, president, RBCS. “This will result in

lowering the costs of field failure, increasing confidence in their releases and reducing the risk of defects.”

Organizations today rely on software applications as part of their day-to-day operations, making software quality assurance critical for business success. Existing quality assurance programs typically focus on specific areas of the process, which creates an insular test and development process. To be successful, qualified testers have to bridge the gap between business and technology.

QAMP professionals must be certified and demonstrate standardized knowledge in requirements gathering, software testing and test management. To ensure that testers are trained on each step of the development process, QAMP incorporates several industry-standard certifications, including International Software Testing Qualifications Board (ISTQB) Foundation Level, ISTQB Advanced Level – Test Manager and the International Requirements Engineering Board (IREB) Certified Professional for Requirements Engineering – Foundation Level. The QAMP certification also requires two years of experience in software quality assurance.

“The new QAMP designation will differentiate professionals who have achieved the most comprehensive quality testing certification in the world,” said Andy Mattes, senior vice president, Application Services, EDS, an HP company. “We are committed to having all of our test professionals certified in accordance with this standard and will also provide training courses for our customers. As a leader in quality testing certifications and application quality management software and services, HP is working to develop more effective methodologies and products that deliver better business outcomes from inception to delivery.”

More information about the QAMP certification and training is available at [www.qamp.org](http://www.qamp.org).

### **About iSQI**

The International Software Quality Institute (iSQI), headquartered in Erlangen and Potsdam, Germany, develops internationally accepted certification standards for advanced vocational training in the area of software quality. Building on established programs – from personnel certification to international standardization – iSQI seeks to advance the field by coordinating efforts aiming at new, higher industry standards. iSQI simultaneously gathers industry input and research findings and is therefore a think-tank for practice-oriented solutions in software quality.

### **About ISTQB**

The International Software Testing Quality Board (ISTQB) was officially founded as an International Software Testing Qualifications Board in Edinburgh in November 2002. The ISTQB is responsible for the international qualification scheme called “ISTQB Certified Tester.” The qualifications are based on

a syllabus, and there is a hierarchy of qualifications and guidelines for accreditation and examination. It is the ISTQB's role to support a single, universally accepted, international qualification scheme aimed at software and system testing professionals by providing the core syllabi and by setting guidelines for accreditation and examination for national boards.

## **About RBCS**

Rex Black Consulting Services, Inc. (RBCS) is an international hardware and software testing and quality assurance consultancy. RBCS provides top-notch training, outsourcing and consulting for clients of all sizes, in a variety of industries. RBCS delivers its world-class services through a team of professional consultants, including Rex Black, president of the ISTQB, as well as one of the industry's most recognized and published experts. Whether it's customizing a program to fit a specific company's needs, consulting on the toughest testing problems, or providing the hands-on experience and resources that will allow a testing team to grow professionally, RBCS helps companies produce better products and increase return on investment.

## **About EDS**

EDS, an HP company, is a leading global technology services provider, delivering business solutions to its customers. EDS founded the information technology outsourcing industry more than 46 years ago. Today, EDS delivers a broad portfolio of information technology and business process outsourcing services to customers in the manufacturing, financial services, healthcare, communications, energy, transportation, and consumer and retail industries, and to governments around the world.

## **About HP**

HP, the world's largest technology company, provides printing and personal computing products and IT services, software and solutions that simplify the technology experience for consumers and businesses. HP completed its acquisition of EDS on Aug. 26, 2008. More information about HP (NYSE: HPQ) is available at <http://www.hp.com/>.

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