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ARTS Announces Election of New Board Co-Chairs

Washington, January 30, 2009—The Association for Retail Technology Standards (ARTS), the standards division of the National Retail Federation, is pleased to announce that Grant Anderson, Sr. Director of Application Development for Academy Sports + Outdoors and Perry Kramer, Vice President Sales Operations, Corporate, and Distributed Solutions at BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc., have been elected co-chairs for the ARTS Board of Directors.

Anderson has been a member of the Board for many years and began working with ARTS 14 years ago as a participant on the Data Model Committee. Additionally, he has successfully implemented ARTS standards in three different retail companies throughout his career.

Perry has been involved with ARTS for more than 10 years through his participation in the Data Model committee and numerous XML work teams. Most recently he participated in development of the [PCI Best Practices](#).

Perry and Grant will succeed Cy Young of Burlington Coat Factory, who has served on the Board since 2004 and as chair since January 2007. During Cy's tenure, ARTS took the leadership role in helping retailers implement service oriented architecture (SOA), releasing three editions of the SOA Blueprint and Best Practices. Other recent additions to the Board include John Miles, Vice President, Shared Services at Lowe's Companies and Robert Graham, CIO of childrenswear retailer Peek...Aren't You Curious.

"We believe the strength of the ARTS Board is both a reason for ARTS' success as well as a reflection of the progress we are making in helping retailers and their vendor partners implement flexible, lower-cost solutions," said Richard Mader, Executive Director of ARTS. "Perry and Grant are two very experienced retail IT executives and are perfect for leading ARTS in these challenging times."

The Association for Retail Technology Standards of the National Retail Federation is an international membership organization dedicated to reducing the costs of technology through standards. Since 1993, ARTS has been delivering application standards exclusively to the retail industry. ARTS has four standards: The Standard Relational Data Model, UnifiedPOS, ARTS XML and the Standard RFPs (in partnership with NRF). Membership is open to all members of the international technology community — retailers from all industry segments, application developers and hardware companies.

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