



Health Industry Business Communications Council

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HIBCC ANNOUNCES BOARD AND TECHNICAL MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR 2004

— *Meetings Provide Forum for Consensus-Based Standards Development* —

PHOENIX, AZ (January 5, 2004) ... The Health Industry Business Communications Council

(HIBCC) has announced its Board and Technical Committee Meetings schedule for 2004.

The meetings are scheduled for March 31st through April 2nd in Houston, Texas, August 4th through August 6th in Boulder, Colorado and December 8th through 10th in Phoenix, Arizona.

HIBCC plays a major advocacy and educational role for the healthcare industry by providing a forum for consensus-based standards development. HIBCC's Technical Committees serve as the focal point of this process and sessions are open to the public. Individuals from throughout the industry are encouraged to participate in the scheduled sessions which will include: e-Business (EDI/XML), HIN User Group, Auto-ID/UPN, RFID in Healthcare and the Patient Safety Systems Task Force.

For more information call (602) 381-1091 or visit the "About HIBCC/meetings" page at www.hibcc.org. Locations, times and registration information will be posted on the website six weeks prior to each meeting.

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About HIBCC:

The Health Industry Business Communications Council (HIBCC) is an industry-sponsored, non-profit standards development organization (SDO) that maintains labeling and electronic communication standards for hospitals and their suppliers. Founded in 1983 by the healthcare industry, HIBCC is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The HIBC bar code labeling standards are accredited by both ANSI and the European Committee for Standardization (CEN). The HIBCC mission is to facilitate electronic commerce by developing appropriate standards for information exchange among healthcare trading partners. This mission is extended globally via IHIBCC, a network of HIBCC offices located throughout the world. For more information regarding HIBCC and its mission, or to obtain copies of its standards, call (602) 381-1091, or visit the website: www.hibcc.org.

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