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The North American Trade Procedures Organization (NATPRO) Executive Director, Mr. R.T.Crowley, is pleased to announce that NATPRO is developing activity models of the USA International Trade Transaction (ITT) for input to CEFACT and the ITT Modelling Group.

Developing the USA ITT Activity Models are business analysis experts Mr. David S. Files (Eastman Kodak Co.) and Mr. Larry E. South (Global Business Connection).

The core group of subject matter experts (SMEs) in International Trade as it pertains to the USA who are providing input to the activity model are Mr. Hugo Blasdel (Blasdel and Company), Mr. R.T.Crowley (NATPRO), Mr. Leslie Stroh (NATPRO), and Mr. Jon R. Weiner (Cone Mills Corp.) with the knowledge and cooperation of Mr. Hank Ulrich (H.B.Ulrich & Company). Other SMEs are being sought to ensure that the activity models are complete and represents what must take place for international trade to occur with the United States of America.

The USA ITT Activity Models are being developed using both the GRADE/GRAPES and Ai0 (IDEF0) modeling languages.

NATPRO wishes to extend its appreciation to both INFOLOGISTIK GmbH and Siemens-Nixdorf Informationssysteme AG (Germany) for the use of GRADE/GRAPES software tools for modeling to develop the activity models.

NATPRO will cooperate in the development of a USA ITT Data Model should this be desired or required as a follow on effort.

The development of ITT Activity Models for Canada and Mexico is being considered for the NATPRO future work plan.