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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) Annex B has been removed and used to create IEC 62451-16;
b) Annex C has been removed and used to create IEC 62451-20;
c) currency information model has been added;
d) information model for Interfaces and AddIns has been added;
e) information model for Method Metadata has been added;

g) information model for ordered list of objects has been added;
h) PortableQualifiedName and PortableNodeId DataTypes have been added;
i) UriString DataType has been added;
j) SemanticVersionString DataType has been added;
k) AssociatedWith Reference Type has been added;
l) ConfigurationVersion Property has been added to NamespaceMetadataType;
m) AuditClientEventType and AuditClientUpdateMethodResultEventType have been added;
n) ModelVersion has been added to NamespaceMetadataType;
o) NoTransparentBackupRedundancyType has been added to support a Primary/Standby use case;
p) BitFieldType and BitFieldDefinitionType have been added.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for its approval can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

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The *italicized terms* and *names* are, with a few exceptions, written in camel-case (the practice of writing compound words or phrases in which the elements are joined without spaces, with each element's initial letter capitalized within the compound). For example, the defined term is *AddressSpace* instead of Address Space. This makes it easier to understand that there is a single definition for *AddressSpace*, not separate definitions for Address and Space.

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This part of IEC 62541 defines the Information Model. The Information model describes standardised *Nodes* of a *Server*'s *AddressSpace*. These *Nodes* are standardised types as well as standardised instances used for diagnostics or as entry points to server-specific *Nodes*. Thus, the Information Model defines the *AddressSpace* of an empty OPC UA *Server*. However, it is not expected that all *Servers* will provide all of these *Nodes*.

Annex C defines the OPC Binary Types Description System.

Annex B refers to encoding information for custom *DataTypes* in previous versions of this document.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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IEC 62541-3, *OPC Unified Architecture - Part 3: Address Space Model*

IEC 62541-4, *OPC Unified Architecture - Part 4: Services*

IEC 62541-6, *OPC Unified Architecture - Part 6: Mappings*

IEC 62541-7, *OPC Unified Architecture - Part 7: Profiles*

IEC 62541-8, *OPC Unified Architecture - Part 8: Data Access*

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