

Infor Delivers Next Generation ERP for Discrete Manufacturers



Infor ERP SL 8.0 Features SOA-Based Interoperability for Rapid Introduction of Best-in-Class Extension Solutions.

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Infor today unveiled the next generation of its ERP solution for discrete manufacturers, Infor ERP SyteLine (SL), with enhancements that increase operational efficiency, reduce costs, improve product quality and drive new business growth. Among the most significant additions, Infor ERP SL is now Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)-enabled through Infor's Open SOA. This integration will facilitate cost-effective interoperability for manufacturers seeking to deploy additional best-in-class solutions.

Examples include SOA-enabled interoperability with Infor EAM for asset management and Infor SCM SupplyWEB for supplier collaboration, delivering manufacturers simplicity and control over the purchase order management process.

The latest version also features technology enhancements and customer-driven functionality, providing a robust, out-of-the-box ERP solution for complex manufacturing environments. These new tools include a role-based user interface, expanded multi-site capabilities for global manufacturers, and a configurator that helps streamline the production of custom orders.

"Infor ERP SL 8.0 is a major milestone in the evolution of the SyteLine product," said Mike Frichol, vice president of global industry and product marketing for Infor. "Since Infor took ownership of the SyteLine product with the MAPICS acquisition, Infor has made major investments in this product over multiple releases. Version 8.0 provides our customers with a state-of-the-art solution for the long term."



Infor ERP SL 8.0 includes expanded multi-site capabilities that streamline voucher processing, vendor maintenance, and centralized purchasing. The solution also includes an application-wide event modeler, which improves workflow and collaboration across the entire enterprise by providing greater insight into operational events. This allows manufacturers to make real-time decisions and mitigate common risks to ensure Sarbanes-Oxley compliance.

The new role-based user interface allows manufacturers to personalize fields specific for their location, department or responsibilities for quicker data entry and retrieval, and results in shorter training times and improved workforce productivity. Through a partnership with TDCI, Inc., Infor ERP SL now features an integrated configurator that streamlines the entire interest-to-order cycle for customized products. The BuyDesign Configurator enables manufacturers to increase revenue by reducing order processing time, costs, and errors.

Infor Open SOA enablement of EAM and SupplyWEB to Infor ERP SL provides significant cost-savings across the enterprise by offering greater flexibility in the way multiple applications can be implemented and used to support business goals. For example, discrete manufacturers can utilize SupplyWEB's industry-leading supplier collaboration functionality to comprehensively manage inventory replenishment with external suppliers. Interoperability with EAM provides a consolidated approach to maintaining an enterprise's assets, a particularly powerful combination for managing plant and equipment in support of Lean Manufacturing and other continuous improvement programs. All three solutions create a complete, end-to-end system for managing all business processes for manufacturers, resulting in significant productivity and efficiency improvements, reduced costs, and increased competitiveness and profitability.

"Infor ERP SL exemplifies our vision of delivering business solutions that enable companies to easily assemble and modify processes in response to changing industry requirements or business needs," said Jeff Ralyea, vice president of global product management for Infor. "The enhanced functionality in Infor ERP SL version 8.0 and access to complementary business-specific solutions provides discrete manufacturers with unparalleled business process innovation to capitalize on opportunity and capture additional market share."

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