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## **Epicor Readying Cloud-Based Version of Popular AConneX Connectivity Solution**

### ***New Solution to Open Network to Thousands of Additional Users While Enhancing System Performance***

**LAS VEGAS, November 2, 2011** – [Epicor Software](#) Corporation (recently combined with Activant Solutions Inc.), a global leader in [business software solutions](#) for manufacturing, distribution, retail and services organizations, has announced that it will soon launch a cloud-based version of the popular Epicor® [AConneX](#)® Internet-based auto parts trading solution. The new solution, Epicor AConneX CL, will facilitate adoption by thousands of additional aftermarket businesses while significantly enhancing network reliability and performance, according to the company.

One of the aftermarket's largest and most popular connectivity and parts buying and selling solutions, the AConneX network has surpassed 65,000 online buyers and sellers and now averages more than 4.5 million parts orders per month, representing in excess of \$1 billion in annual sales. The number of AConneX transactions has increased nearly 35 percent over 2010, according to Paul Salsgiver, executive vice president and general manager, retail software for Epicor.

"There clearly is a preference among distributors, parts store owners, industry suppliers and installers to leverage the extensive reach and operational efficiencies of a proven, secure online solution," Salsgiver said. "AConneX CL is an important next step that we are confident will further accelerate the industry's adoption of Internet-based parts trading and a broad range of other eCommerce services."

The new solution will enable businesses to join the AConneX network without making major changes to their existing system architecture. In addition, the direct connectivity and decentralized services associated with cloud-based solutions will help minimize network downtime and other performance and reliability issues for customers. AConneX CL is expected to go live for select Epicor business platforms and users by the end of 2011 and will continue the company's strong commitment to aftermarket industry data standards, according to Salsgiver.

Since its introduction in August 2001, the AConneX solution has helped thousands of aftermarket businesses grow their sales while improving customer service and reducing costs. The solution enables distributors and parts stores to utilize a full range of eCommerce capabilities to expand their customer

bases and sales volume without adding additional support resources. The network supports fast, secure, flexible inventory inquiry and purchasing between distributors and suppliers and from store to warehouse, store to store and service dealer to store. The solution integrates seamlessly with invoicing functions on many Epicor platforms as well as other leading business management solutions.

For additional information regarding the Epicor AConneX network and new AConneX solution, please visit the company's AAPEX booth (#2234) in Las Vegas, contact your Epicor representative, call (800) 380-9015, or email [automotive.marketing@epicor.com](mailto:automotive.marketing@epicor.com).

### **About Epicor Software Corporation**

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