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## **Epicor® Announces Cloud Computing Solution for Distributors**

### ***Epicor Next-Generation ERP Now Available in Software as a Service Model for Small and Growing Distributors***

IRVINE, Calif., August 24, 2011 -- [Epicor Software](#) Corporation, a global leader in [business software solutions](#) for manufacturing, distribution, retail and services organizations, today unveiled [Epicor Distribution Express Edition \(Epicor Express\)](#), the on-demand version of its award-winning, next-generation Epicor [enterprise resource planning \(ERP\)](#) solution. Epicor Express offers a comprehensive end-to-end [Cloud ERP](#) solution designed specifically for the needs of today's distributors. Epicor's new cloud offering for distributors builds on the success of [Epicor Manufacturing Express Edition](#) (see news release: Epicor Express Customer Deals Continue to Accelerate Worldwide), Epicor Prophet 21® and Epicor Eclipse™ on-demand solutions for distributors.

"Growing, independent distributors often face capital constraints and operational challenges," commented Kevin Roach, executive vice president and general manager, ERP Americas, for Epicor. "We developed Epicor Express specifically to address these issues; so they can realize world-class capabilities, but in a model that dramatically reduces the cost and complexity of implementing a business system."

"Epicor Express can help distributors that have outgrown spreadsheets and manual processes achieve improved operational efficiency and profitability," added Chad Meyer, director, product marketing for Epicor. "Epicor Express provides everything a distributor needs to manage their business successfully in one integrated system, without the need for separate applications, and 'manual workarounds' that burden so many small businesses today."

#### **Comprehensive Functionality for Small and Growing Distributors**

Epicor Express leverages the core functionality that has been in use and proven at thousands of businesses over the past 25 years. The solution includes functionality for managing customers, sales orders, inventories, operations, and accounting. Additionally, embedded business intelligence functionality provides real-time insight into a distributor's performance and key metrics. Whether serving

a consumer distributor, industrial distributor, or third-party logistics provider, Epicor Express is flexible enough to support the business process.

### **Minimize Cost and IT Complexity**

Epicor Express is delivered in the Software as a Service (SaaS) model. The solution is licensed on a simple, straightforward subscription basis with minimal up-front costs. The affordable monthly fee is inclusive of software, hardware, support, training resources, system maintenance and upgrades. Epicor also manages and maintains the service, so instead of managing IT, customers are able to focus on their core business.

### **Foundation for Growth**

A true differentiator from other ERP systems available today, Epicor offers a solution that spans the spectrum of business size (i.e., small, midsize, and enterprise) and deployment models (i.e., multi-tenant SaaS, hosted, and on-premise) from a single code-line, making it the first of its type to offer businesses the choice and flexibility of both on-premise and [Cloud Computing](#). Therefore, as customers evolve and grow, Epicor Express can simply scale with them, or if they elect to move to another edition of Epicor ERP, they can easily and seamlessly do so.

### **News Facts**

- Epicor announced the availability of Epicor Distribution Express Edition.
- This edition of Epicor Express is specifically designed for growing distributors and includes the broad functionality they require to manage all aspects of their business.
- The solution is delivered in the Cloud to minimize the ongoing costs and complexity of managing software, enabling distributors to focus on their core business, instead of managing IT.
- Epicor Express is the cloud-based edition of the visionary Epicor ERP suite.
- Epicor Distribution Express Edition is complementary to both Epicor Prophet 21 and Epicor Eclipse on-demand solutions, which provide growing distribution businesses access to a leading ERP solution on a monthly subscription basis with limited up-front charges.

### **About Epicor Software Corporation**

Epicor Software Corporation (recently combined with Activant Solutions Inc.) is a global leader delivering business software solutions to the manufacturing, distribution, retail and services industries. With nearly 40 years of experience serving midmarket organizations and divisions of Global 1000 companies, Epicor has more than 33,000 customers in over 150 countries. Epicor enterprise resource planning (ERP), point of sale (POS), supply chain management (SCM), and human capital management (HCM) enable companies to drive increased efficiency and improve profitability. With a history of innovation, industry expertise and passion for excellence, Epicor inspires customers to build lasting competitive advantage.

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