Infor Delivers New Suite for Printing and Packaging Vertical

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Infor, a leading provider of business application software serving more than 70,000 customers, today announced the availability of Infor for Printing and Packaging. This new vertical suite is an integrated ERP system that includes specialized built-in capabilities to manage the printing and packaging lifecycle, providing faster deployments and fewer modifications. By combining the advantages of full visibility, process control, and financial management with the specialized needs of creating accurate printing quotes and estimating resource needs, Infor for Printing and Packaging can control day-to-day activities, plus enable long-term analysis, planning and strategic growth.

Available as either an on-premise solution or cloud-based deployment, the ERP solution is highly flexible and can scale to meet many business expansion needs like the addition of a warehouse, new plant, or new division relatively quickly, minimizing disruption to day-to-day business. And, due to the integration between the manufacturing and printing processes and business operations, Infor for Printing and Packaging provides one common source of truth, making data more reliable.

Specifically, this new application delivers:
A speedier quoting process - The Estimate Printing Workbench steps the user through the process to automatically formulate accurate quotes based on custom defined rules and conditions. The Workbench allows users to factor in consumables, such as paper and ink, and apply production time for tasks such collating, drilling, laminating, die-cutting, embossing, binding, assembly, and transportation -- saving both time and resources. Improved workflow and integration - Monitor shop floor operations and production continuously through real-time data that allows for tighter control on scheduling, productivity and quality standards. Organizations can also monitor purchasing, inventory, and material availability to help prevent delays due to stock outs and predict demand to better optimize workforce and resource allocation. Enhanced demand planning - Manage unique consumables and keep inventories of various finishes, weights, and sizes at a minimum via this specialized application. In addition, users can make strategic inventory decisions by incorporating terms, process flows, and tables that relate to the unique issues of the industry, so the company can more easily track overages, waste, and the amount of resources used in typical applications such as stitching, assembly, and bindery processes. Increased productivity - Every level of employee has access to critical information more quickly and easily. The application's flexible, easy-to-customize screens, forms, and reporting templates minimize the need for IT support. Users can also use contextual decision-making tools, internal collaboration with social networking, and remote access using mobile devices, smart phones and tablets --

increasing efficiency and reducing administrative tasks.
"In order to remain competitive and simultaneously meet consumer demand, organizations need to streamline operations and increase their ability to access and analyze data," said Mark Humphlett, director of ERP marketing, Infor. "Infor understands the niche printing and packaging market, and developed this specialized application as a result of in-depth conversations and knowledge sharing with customers who wanted access to company-wide analytics and reporting tools in order to achieve the high efficiency necessary to successfully navigate the complexity and market pressures of the industry today."

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