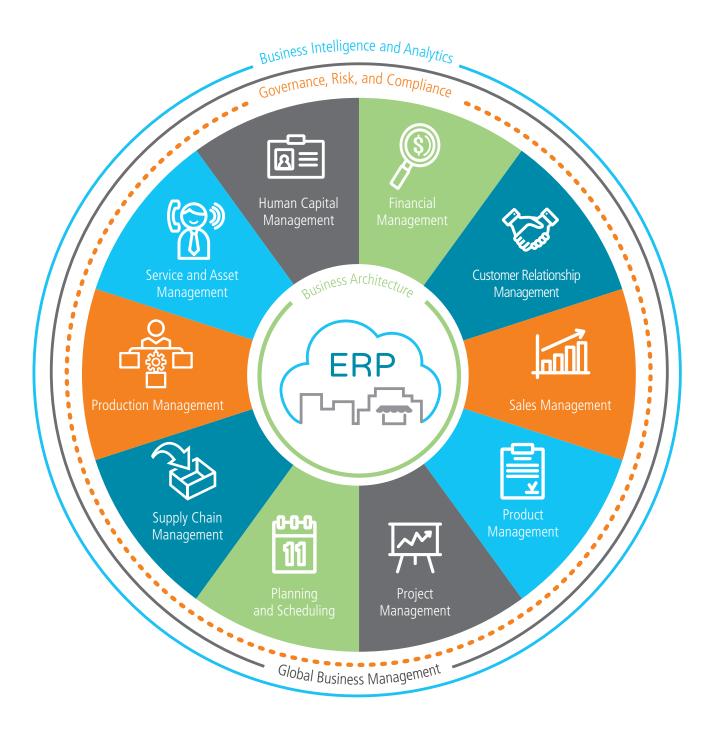


# Service and Asset Management

11

Epicor<sup>®</sup> Enterprise Resource Planning

## Epicor ERP Diagram



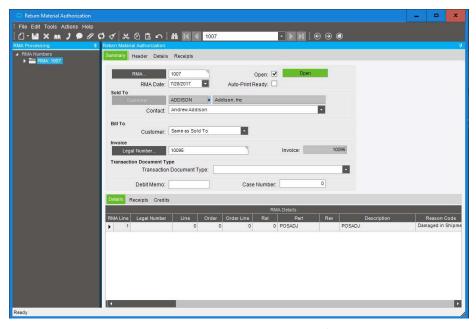


- Returned Material Authorization
- Service Contract and Warranty Management
- Case Management
- Social Service Management
- Maintenance Management
- Field Service Automation

Epicor® Service and Asset Management capabilities are designed to help manufacturers and service organizations maintain equipment, optimize customer service, and keep all technicians and customer-support personnel informed. We understand that your business needs to provide quick responses to customer incidents, keep your field operations informed and productive, and process returns quickly. The Epicor Service Management and Field Service Automation solutions provide the visibility and accountability your business needs. Effective enterprise maintenance management solutions for monitoring and managing the deployment, performance, and maintenance of company and customer assets may be the most important tools for preventing operational surprises. Epicor solutions enable manufacturers, distributors, and service organizations to save time and money by optimizing maintenance resources—improving equipment uptime and maintenance and field staff productivity.

Service and Asset Management

#### Service and Asset Management



**Figure 8** Returned Material Authorization—Initiate and track RMAs for customer returns and track reasons for rejected items.

#### Service Management

Epicor Service Management is primarily designed for manufacturers who bring customer assets in house for repair or have light requirements for service or installations offsite that do not require purpose-built mobile access for field technicians. You can centralize all processes related to dispatching technicians and reporting costs of service calls in the field with support for drop shipment of service parts directly to the customer site.

## Returned Material Authorization

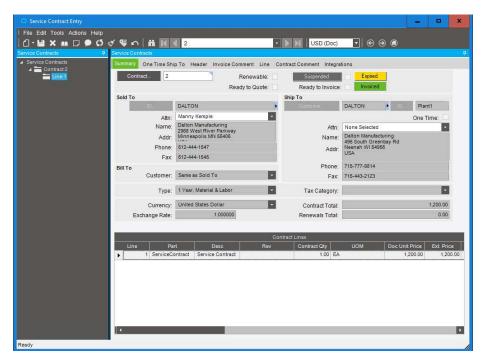
Enhanced return processing offers enterprise-wide tracking of pending returns and disposition of these parts by a unique returned materials authorization (RMA) number. Enter information about returns and transfer that information to the different groups that may need to take action—like inspection, billing, and order processing. (See figure 8)

## Service Contract and Warranty Management

Epicor Contract Management—used in conjunction with Epicor Service Management—allows for the timely and accurate execution of service contracts including the ability to generate service-level agreements with automatic billing options. Service contracts can be established for specific products, customers, and servicelevel agreements—each with an expiration date that is automatically tracked for easy manual look-up. The Service Call Center Workbench allows you to add or update service orders, schedule services, execute purchase and material planning, and manage warranty and service contracts. (See figure 8.1)

#### **Case Management**

Fully integrated with Service Management, Epicor Case Management lets you easily access dispatching field activities and provide field service representatives with access to online knowledge bases, existing customer field service calls, warranty information, and service contracts. Comprehensive contact management, communication, and traceability capabilities allow you to efficiently manage and record all customer and staff interactions across the enterprise. You can also link documents and communication events like emails and calls.



**Figure 8.1** Service Contract and Warranty Management—Give customers fast and effective service with access to detailed information about service contracts and warranties.

#### Service and Asset Management

case 12	Selection Case Resolut	ion Topics Li	nks Attributes	Task						
	Case Number	12	Poor receptio	n on satellite						
	Case						-	_		
	Person / Contact	0	]			Status:	Open			
	Link	c		None Selected	*	Case Type:				
	Context Full Description	t		Prir	mary:	Owner:	Beverly Jos	eph		-
	Workflow Group	HDW	elp Desk Workfl	w		Task Set:	HelpDesk-0	General		
	Workflow Group Territory	Contraction of the local data		W	Cur	Task Set: rent Milestone:				
	Territory	Contraction of the local data		W	Cur					
	Territory	United States		wc	Cur					
	Territory Related To People Gen	United States		we •	Cur		Create Call		126080003	
	Territory Related To People Gen Related To Information	C United States	- Mid West			rent Milestone:	Create Call	Record	126080003 Line	
	Territory Related To People Gen Related To Information Sales Order	United States neral Contacts 5139	- Mid West	•		rent Milestone: Serial Numb	Create Call	Record DSS-100011	126080003 Line	
	Territory Related To People Gen Related To Information Sales Order	y: United States heral Contacts 5139 0	- Mid West Line/Rel	• 1		rent Milestone: Serial Numb Field Servic	Create Call	Record DSS-100011 0	126080003 Line	
	Territory Related To People Gen Related To Information Sales Order Quote RMA Invoice	y: United States neral Contacts 6139 0 0	- Mid West Line/Rel Line			rent Milestone: Serial Numbo Field Servic Service Contra	Create Call	Record DSS-100011 0	126080003 Line	
	Territory Related To People Gen Related To Information Sales Order Quote RMA Invoice Part DS	y: United States	• Mid West Line/Rel Line Line		1	rent Milestone: Serial Numbr Field Servic Service Contra Project	Create Call	Record DSS-100011 0	126080003 Une	
	Territory Related To People Gen Related To Information Sales Order Quote RMA Invoice Part D	y: United States teral Contacts 5139 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	• Mid West Line/Rel Line Line	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	1	rent Milestone: Serial Numbr Field Servic Service Contra Project	Create Call	Record DSS-100011 0	126080003 Line	
	Territory Related To People Gen Related To Information Sales Order Quote RMA Invoice Part D	y: United States teral Contacts 5139 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	- Mid West		1	rent Milestone: Serial Numbr Field Servic Service Contra Project	Create Call er	Record DSS-100011 0	126080003 Line	•

Figure 8.2 Case Management—Shorten service response time by collecting detailed product problem information and using integrated features to initiate requests to the appropriate resource.

#### Social Service Management

Epicor Social Enterprise brings together contributions from across the organization and the value chain. This information can be collected in a single location with or without the user needing to interact with the ERP. Recommendation or endorsement of content supports the creation of knowledge bases and reusable content that can be referenced easily using powerful search capabilities. Issue resolution or frequently asked questions (FAQs) can be linked to a specific service job, asset, or serial number for the life of the object. (See figure 8.2)

#### Maintenance Management

Epicor Maintenance Management provides a comprehensive toolset for critical production and facilities equipment maintenance. It was designed to address maintenance request processing, planned preventative maintenance-according to predefined schedules—and ad hoc break/fix maintenance processing for a single piece of equipment. Facilities and production equipment can be scheduled

for maintenance based on a predefined service interval, usage, time, or via manual requests. This can include internal capital equipment, tools, gauges, and fixturessuch as air conditioning units, forklifts, shelving, and shop floor tools. Eliminate

manual input by creating maintenance work orders automatically from templates for routine maintenance—like oil changes, filter replacements, or belt changes-to eliminate, and then complete preventative maintenance work plans. Automatically create maintenance work orders when preventative maintenance is due. Base maintenance plans on timing or meter frequencies. Once a preventative or regular maintenance work order is established, the maintenance planner can schedule equipment downtime and trade resources and materials as needed. Include scheduled maintenance events-such as resource requirements—in the production schedule for better capacity planning. When maintenance has been performed on equipment, the operators can record their hours, materials used, and closing remarks regarding the repair or service. The Maintenance Management module maintains all equipment, material, and work histories.

Produce complete repair histories for each piece of equipment-including parts and labor cost.

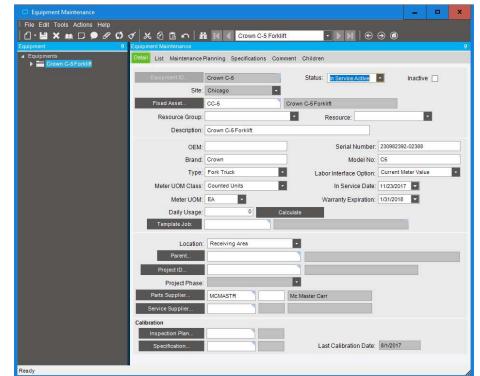


Figure 8.3 Maintenance Management—Maintenance technicians record events and resolution at the point of work.

#### Service and Asset Management

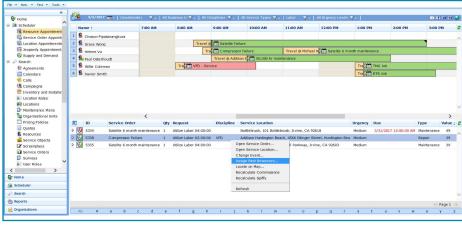


Figure 8.4 Field Service Automation—Easy-to-read schedule board.

Standardized reports—such as the Maintenance Work Order Request Report, Maintenance Work Order Report, and Equipment List—help maintenance technicians and managers organize and communicate maintenance events and review histories.

(See figure 8.3)

#### **Field Service Automation**

Enhance productivity of field operations with mobile automation and integrated information flow. Connect your office and field staff with the information and processes they need to satisfy customers more efficiently. Epicor Field Service Automation (FSA) can help you drive field productivity for individuals and crews, shrinks response times, lowers costs, improves first-time completion ratios, and increases customer satisfaction to build a competitive advantage. Integrate people and information to empower your workforce to enhance the flow of business and technical information while connecting dispersed employees with convenient mobile devices. Automate manual processes, share best practices and procedural checklists, and track service inventory in real time. Speed up and optimize scheduling and dispatch. Quickly understand service urgency and resource status, and easily match the best resources for each task using best-fit assignment.

Streamline the work order life cycle with rapid-response call taking, and speed work order creation, assignment, dispatch, closure, and billing. Integrated information and automated processes eliminate manual tasks and redundant data entry. Manage contracts, warranties, and assets more efficiently. Track asset histories and automate work order generation and billing. Manage terms, rates, and timeframes. Gain real-time insight for improvement, and access operational and resource information at a glance. Track trends and understand costs, so you can manage performance and make better decisions for enhanced profitability. Provide customers with selfservice capabilities-including work order status and new work requests.

Track service stock accurately at mobile and fixed locations to reduce write-offs.

Automatically adjust inventory records based on field use or in-route purchasing. Forecast materials requirements, and take advantage of bulk and just-in-time ordering. Check inventory locations and order materials directly from the field.

Take advantage of Bing<sup>®</sup> Maps integration to provide office and field staff with streetlevel mapping, route visibility, and turnby-turn directions. Use any supported GPS tracking system in the field to quickly locate resources geographically from the office and optimize work assignment.

(See figure 8.4)

### Field Service Automation Mobile experience

Field service technicians are able to access and input information in real time with the use of a smart mobile device—whenever and wherever they need—to increase productivity, efficiency, and customer satisfaction. Complete work tickets, review service history, manage inventory, access customer pricing, and obtain electronic signatures—all with automated real-time capture. Our intuitive, user-friendly, and multiplatform HTML5 mobility solution runs on a variety of devices. Use smartphones, tablets, and laptops for both online and offline communications with the back office.

If you're looking to truly automate your field service organization, a mobile app with offline functionality needs to be a priority



**Figure 8.5** Mobile Experience—Service technicians can view service order status from mobile device.

for your technicians. With your serviceable assets located at countless types of job sites, it is imperative to have a mobile app that allows you to access the information you need to manage your inspections, work orders, and signatures without a cellular or Internet connection. For those organizations that service remote sites or equipment in a distant field, you cannot afford to arrive at the job site without access to your information. In order to truly streamline your field service organization, you need to go paperless with a mobile device, and equip your technicians with the right information—anywhere, anytime. (See figure 8.5)

#### **About Epicor**

Epicor Software Corporation drives business growth. We provide flexible, industry-specific software designed to fit the precise needs of our manufacturing, distribution, retail, and service industry customers. More than 45 years of experience with our customers' unique business processes and operational requirements are built into every solution—in the cloud or on premises. With this deep understanding of your industry, Epicor solutions dramatically improve performance and profitability while easing complexity so you can focus on growth. For more information, <u>connect with Epicor</u> or visit <u>www.epicor.com</u>.



Contact us today 🛛 info@epicor.com 🛛 🙆 www.epicor.com

The contents of this document are for informational purposes only and are subject to change without notice. Epicor Software Corporation makes no guarantee, representations, or warranties with regard to the enclosed information and specifically disclaims, to the full extent of the law, any applicable implied warranties, such as fitness for a particular purpose, merchantability, satisfactory quality, or reasonable skill and content and its contents, including the viewpoints, dates, and functional content expressed herein are believed to be accurate as of its date of publication. November, 2018. The results represented in this testimonial may be unique to the particular user as each user's experience will vary. The usage of any Epicor software shall be pursuant to the applicable end user license agreement, and the performance of any consulting services by Epicor personnel shall be pursuant to applicable standard services terms and conditions. Usage of the solution(s) described in this document with other Epicor software or third-party products may require the purchase of licenses for such other products. Epicor and the Epicor logo are registered trademarks or trademarks or Corporation in the United States, certain other countries and/or the EU. All other trademarks mentioned are the property of their respective owners. Copyright © 2018 Epicor Software Corporation. All rights reserved.