

SUPPLIERCONNECT

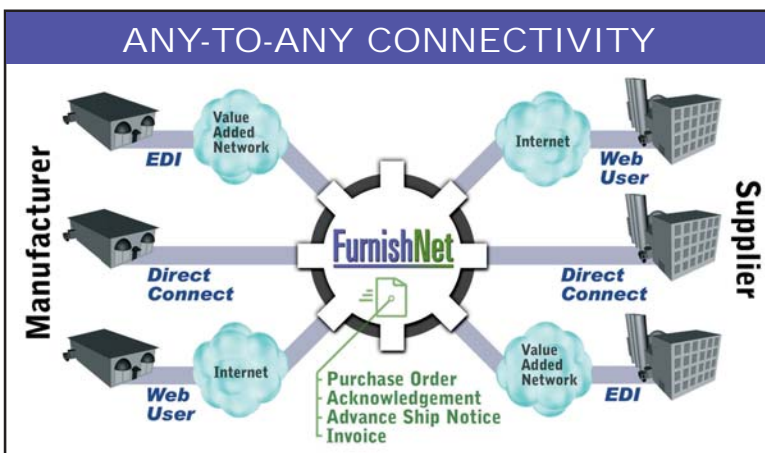
Electronic Transaction Exchange for Manufacturers and Their Suppliers

In today's competitive manufacturing environment, lower costs and higher operating efficiency are critical success factors. Many manufacturers have implemented electronic transaction exchange with their retail clients to drive down costs in the demand chain. But that is only half of the equation. Supplier-side connectivity holds many opportunities to drive additional savings through reduced paperwork, improved speed and increased order accuracy. Now with **SupplierConnect**, manufacturers can extend the benefits of electronic transaction exchange into the procurement process without the investment and staffing requirements of traditional EDI.

high cost of establishing and maintaining that kind of network has made extensive trading partner connectivity prohibitive. FurnishNet's **SupplierConnect** changes all of that.

SupplierConnect combines today's standards of XML, EDI X.12 and flat-file data interchange along with email and Web technology, into a practical and affordable solution that connects easily into your and your trading partners' technology environments. This unique "Any-to-Any" exchange platform eliminates the need for trading partners to create maps for each others transactions. Instead **SupplierConnect**

translates files into appropriate formats for the electronic flow of transactions between trading partners of any size, running on any corporate system. The result: a practical and affordable way for you and all your trading partners to connect for electronic transaction exchange.



A Practical and Affordable Solution to Supply-Side Connectivity

Moving business documents electronically is not new to the home furnishings industry. Electronic data interchange (EDI) has been in existence for over two decades. But the

Our Hosted Service Saves You Money

FurnishNet's **SupplierConnect** is a hosted, Internet-based transaction exchange service. That means there is no software or hardware to buy or maintain in order to use the solution. Plus with there are no maps to

KEY FEATURES

- Supports more than 300 transaction sets including purchase orders, acknowledgements, advance ship notices and invoices
- No maps to create or manage
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- Accepts any electronic file format provided by a business partner
- Supports XML, EDI X.12, and flat file standards
- Web-based exception handling increases order accuracy, reduces telephone calls, and speeds up delivery time
- Reduces manual processes, errors, faxes, and phone calls associated with transaction processing between business partners
- Saves money through improved order accuracy, reduced paperwork, and shortened order processing times
- Business partner relationships are improved with proactive, timely, accurate resolution of exceptions and errors
- Allows manufacturers and suppliers to automate document transfers with a broader range of business partners

create and manage. And getting connected is as simple and secure as hooking up to Internet. There is no need for an expensive value added network provider (VAN) when you use **SupplierConnect**.

Web-based Collaboration and Exception Handling

With the large number of product options associated with home furnishings manufacturing, there is often a need for follow-up to ensure order accuracy.

With our web-based collaboration and exception handling features, trading partners can electronically communicate errors, exceptions, and recommendations for resolution down to the line item level. Automatic alert notification lets each party know of a pending dialogue, and an audit trail is available to track and review decisions that were agreed upon. Having access 24/7 considerably speeds up the process and putting it on the web makes it easy.

This collaborative, automated approach to exception handling and error correction avoids bottlenecks caused by "telephone tag," reduces processing time, and provides a reliable way to resolve issues.

100% Trading Partner Connectivity

Purchase orders, acknowledgments, advance ship notices, invoices and more are transmitted over the Internet and translated into the appropriate data format recognized by your business partners' systems. There is no need for duplicate data entry or multiple manual processes to accommodate the different needs of your business partners. The **SupplierConnect**

solution is independent of platform and business application. So regardless of your existing technical environment - EDI enabled or not - FurnishNet can accommodate the transaction management requirements of both you and all your trading partners.

Low Cost Implementation Services

At FurnishNet, we know that the key to your success is having an integrated electronic commerce program that matches your business needs and priorities.

Our experienced team of supply chain specialists using best-in-class methodologies combined with a state-of-the-art network and hosting infrastructure will deliver what you need at a price point you can afford for an exceptional ROI. Our integration and implementation services include:

- Project Planning and Preparation
- Connectivity
- Communication
- Trading Partner Set-up
- End-to-End Testing
- Help-Desk Support

Using our comprehensive Services Methodology, we'll identify which process areas to improve, recommend solutions to increase savings and productivity, and implement those solutions for you quickly and cost effectively.

- Accommodates advanced and basic systems infrastructures to support all sizes of manufacturers and suppliers
- Supports system-to-system transaction exchange, flat-file data interchange, fax output, email output, and EDI VAN connectivity
- Allows non-EDI business partners to exchange business documents with any EDI partner
- High quality service includes data archiving and retrieval, 24/7 system availability, and scalability

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