

MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC AUTOMATION, Inc., and ASTA SYSTEMS, Inc., launch F2 web application services for inventory visibility, asset tracking, production, and repair processes.

Mitsubishi Electric's Java™-based Platform Controller enables real-time information management

San Francisco, California- July 11, 2005: Mitsubishi Electric Automation, a global supplier of factory automation equipment, and Silicon Valley based ASTA Systems, Inc., announced the release of F2, a suite of web application services designed to support supply chain optimization between trading partners in the semiconductor industry.

The F2 suite of services is based on Mitsubishi Electric's Java™-based Platform Controller (JPC), a real-time information gateway, capable of collecting data from multiple sources and communicating directly to enterprise level applications in a common message format. The JPC collects and forwards data from various points in the supply chain to ASTA Systems F2 Internet-based transaction gateway, creating real-time visibility and status information.

The F2 application services offer a highly scalable, easy to implement and user-friendly solution for companies to conduct and manage their e-business processes. Each solution can support a single enterprise as well as distributed enterprise. It complements and interfaces with back-end systems without any disruption to current operations. Its modular design allows companies to easily select and put together a collection of services that best suits their specific needs, with low capital investment. As business grows, each service can be added when the need arises.

The F2 offering is totally secured, delivering fast implementation, no disruption to operations and legacy systems, and requires minimal capital investment resulting in maximum ROI. The solution suites allow customers a better way to insure order accountability and supplier collaboration versus traditional alternatives of replacing or enhancing your legacy systems, or relying on static and inflexible methods of doing business with partners.

Mitsubishi Electric Automation is also a customer of this solution in their Vernon Hills, IL facility. They use the joint technology to provide visibility in their service department. "By using the combined Mitsubishi Electric-ASTA solution, our customers now have the ability to log onto our website and check the status of their repair parts, eliminating over 600 phone calls each month" said Steve Dumont, VP Technical Services and Support Department for Mitsubishi Electric Automation. The solution includes a combination of RFID components, Mitsubishi Electric's JPC, and ASTA's F2 web services.

About Mitsubishi Electric Automation, Inc.

Mitsubishi Electric Automation, Inc., in Vernon Hills, IL, is a subsidiary of Mitsubishi Electric Corporation in Tokyo, Japan, and offers a comprehensive line of factory automation solutions. Products include automation platforms, programmable logic controllers, human machine interfaces (HMI), AC variable frequency drives, general purpose servo amplifiers and motors, motion controllers, industrial computers, control software, computerized numerical control systems, robots, uninterruptible power supply systems and industrial sewing machines. For a broad range of factory automation applications, visit the Mitsubishi Electric Automation web site at www.meau.com.

About ASTA Systems, Inc.

ASTA Systems Inc. is an enterprise e-business application company providing collaborative commerce solutions for order accountability, parts fulfillment, supplier collaboration and supply chain execution services across value networks. The company has been providing economical point solutions, supply chain consulting, software development and system integration services since 1995 with clients in the Fortune 2000. www.asta.com

Visit the Mitsubishi Electric Automation – ASTA Systems F2 Web Services demo at SEMICON WEST, July 12th-14th, 2005 at Booth #232, located at South Hall, Moscone Center, San Francisco, CA.

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