

News Release

MfgQuote Partners with Pinion Software to Offer New Level of Security for Sensitive CAD Data and Engineering Documents Transferred Via The Web

*Users can now control viewing, printing, editing, sharing
and on-demand shredding of sensitive documents*

ATLANTA -- April 6, 2005 – MfgQuote Inc. announced today it has formed a new partnership with Pinion Software (Austin, TX), a provider of technology solutions used to protect electronically distributed documents. MfgQuote is an online Sourcing Management System with automated supplier discovery and a global network of 1,300 suppliers. The partnership will provide advanced data security tools for MfgQuote members as they source online for manufacturing services. With Pinion Software's products, the buyer or engineer can control how, when, where and by whom their sensitive drawings and documents are viewed. The user can even cause a drawing or document to electronically "shred itself" at a given point in time.

The partnership with Pinion Software allows MfgQuote to provide sourcing professionals and engineers with an unparalleled level of security for their intellectual property when sourcing online for engineered-to-order components.

"Pinion Software provides enterprise-level security options that fit our users' current and future needs for the protection of documents and drawings," states Mitch Free, President and CEO of MfgQuote. "The sourcing process requires sensitive intellectual property to be shared in the form of CAD models, drawings and documents during the RFQ and collaboration phases. Using MfgQuote to source for manufacturing services and to transfer data to suppliers is now significantly safer than traditional methods such as a FAX or email."

Joyce Durst, president and CEO of Pinion Software agrees, "We are pleased to be teaming with MfgQuote to extend their robust manufacturing sourcing process by enabling security for high-value intellectual property created and shared in technical application files. Sharing this sensitive information with third parties is an essential component of an efficient design-to-production process for manufacturers. Pinion Software will provide MfgQuote users with complete control over the use of this sensitive information, extending throughout its lifecycle."

Over 36,000 buyers across the industrial spectrum (aerospace, transportation, consumer products, electronics, and more) utilize MfgQuote.com to source, collaborate and receive quotes online for more than 200 manufacturing processes such as CNC machining, metal stamping, forging, plastic molding, metal fabrication, and metal casting.

About Pinion Software

Founded in 1998 and privately held, Pinion Software is a leader in the emerging market for Enterprise Rights Management solutions. Pinion Software enables companies to share information with confidence by providing continuous control over how the information may be used. Their flagship system, Pinion Secure Enterprise, protects information both inside and outside the corporate firewall—whether the information is shared by via a corporate intranet, business portals, or document-management systems. For more information, visit www.pinionsoftware.com.

About MfgQuote

MfgQuote is an online Sourcing Management System with automated supplier discovery and a global network of independent suppliers. A production-level solution for OEMs and suppliers of engineered-to-order components, MfgQuote instantly and "intelligently" matches buyer requirements with potential suppliers possessing the right expertise, credentials, and capacity for the job being sourced. For more information, visit www.mfgquote.com or contact Belinda Jones at 860-399-1147 or via email: belinda.jones@hitechmarketing.com. Images are available upon request.

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