



## Lone Star Fasteners Selects Epicor Advanced Quality Management, Powered by IQS to Reduce Costs for Managing Precision Product Data

*IQS Quickly Improved Bottom Line Productivity and Material Test Procedures*

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IQS, the leading provider of Enterprise Risk and Quality Management Software, has been selected by Lone Star Fasteners, as the foundation for its highly specialized quality management requirements. Lone Star Fasteners is the industry's leading manufacturer and distributor of commercial, specialty and exotic alloy fasteners specifically designed to meet the needs of the energy, military and aerospace industries.

"IQS helps companies embrace quality as a significant key to business success," says Michael Rapaport, CEO of IQS. "By reducing operational redundancies and taking risk out of the manufacturing process, companies are more competitive and able to better navigate tough economic cycles."

"We've been ecstatic with the efficiencies Epicor Advanced Quality Management (AQM), Powered by IQS, has brought to our quality management processes, especially our Material Test Reporting requirements," said Stephen Findley, IT Manager at Lone Star Fasteners. "Our legacy manual processes were fairly robust, which steadily increased labor demands due to the quality standards we provide for our customers. The seamlessness of the totally integrated Epicor Vantage and Epicor AQM, Powered by IQS solution, has given us the power to accurately transfer crucial data points and surpass the daily count of material tests that can be conducted and recorded. The solution has quickly proven itself to be a cost-effective business decision."

"Companies that produce high-precision parts or components are turning to IQS for its robust ability to manage every traceability, compliance and workflow requirement to improve their competitive presence in the market," says Lori Gipp, Vice President of Marketing at IQS. "Recalls and other avoidable costs are the hot topics in every boardroom and with every company owner. IQS provides significant operational efficiencies to a company while reducing cost and risks associated with bad quality products."

Integrated Quality Systems (IQS) was honored as a technology partner along with Cequent Performance Products, a winner of the fourth annual Progressive Manufacturing 50 Awards, presented by *Managing Automation*, a Thomas Publishing Company, LLC media brand. In the category of Supply Network Mastery, the award recognized Cequent's use of IQS' Enterprise Quality Management System to identify, manage and control quality at its Chinese supplier facilities to the quality levels achieved within the company's North America supply base.

### **About Lone Star Fasteners**

Lone Star is global manufacturer and supplier of standard and specialty high-performance fasteners, gaskets and precision components, as well as industrial coating services. From operational facilities located in Houston, Texas, the United Kingdom, Romania, Dubai and China, Lone Star serves customers in the oil & gas, petrochemical, refining, power generation and defense industries. For more information on Lone Star Fasteners visit [www.lonestarfasteners.com](http://www.lonestarfasteners.com).

### **About IQS**

IQS – Integrated Quality Systems, helps companies reduce costs and risk by improving quality throughout their enterprise and supply chain. Since its inception in 1988, IQS has been the choice of leading automotive, aerospace, chemical and process, discreet, medical device and recently high-

profile manufactures such as those in the pet food industry. IQS reduces risk through a bottom-up verifiable approach to manufacturing. With countless case studies and bottom-line ROI testimonials, IQS is the industry leader in enterprise risk and quality management software. For more information, please visit [www.iqs.com](http://www.iqs.com).

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