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TUGBOAT SOFTWARE INTRODUCES NEW PRODUCT - SOS2go

NEWPORT BEACH, CA (August 15, 2006) – Tugboat Software Inc. is releasing its new Schedule Optimizing Software® product. SOS²go is designed for small to large manufacturing and service operations needing to automate their workforce scheduling process where scheduling rules and policies follow predefined patterns. Like Tugboat’s SOSClassic, the new SOS²go product is a highly integrated solution that automates the combination of processes that control the entire workforce scheduling operation including staffing, overtime, absentee management, and training scheduling. New for SOS²go however, Tugboat configures the application for the customer by using a library of existing procedures and turning on or off scheduling rules thus eliminating the requirement for developing a customized software rules engine.

According to Tugboat president Patricia Schilling, “Scheduling is organized into procedures that, one way or another, every company requires. Different organizations, however, manage these procedures in very different ways. Take granting a day off or assigning an employee to overtime. We’ve developed the software so that within a procedure, functions can be enabled or suspended depending on the rules and policies in place at a particular facility. The result is a solution that automates the customer’s scheduling operation without requiring development of customized modules.” After initial configuration to the customer’s rules, says Schilling, “SOS²go can be used for production scheduling as is. And if their rules change in the future, it can be readily adjusted.”

SOS²go includes most of the tools available in the initial SOSClassic product, including optimization, absentee scheduling, training scheduling, an employee self-service kiosk, and data exchange with payroll and HRIS. SOS²go is available as a service over the web. Tugboat’s SOS²go can be upgraded by adding modules for a one-time charge.

Schilling says Tugboat has focused its resources on automating workforce scheduling for dynamic manufacturing operations where staffing requirements change frequently and the scheduling rules are complex. “We’ve learned a great deal from our marketing efforts,” she says. “We know within the same enterprise certain facilities need a customized solution while others do not, yet still want to optimize the assignment of their workers. Facilities that use standard procedures for their scheduling process also need a fully automated solution and we have created our new SOS²go product to fit this need.”

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Tugboat Software Inc., headquartered in Newport Beach Calif., is a provider of innovative team management solutions that dramatically streamline the utilization of human resources and strengthen decision support, including Schedule Optimizing Software and Roundtable TSMS®©. Established in 2000, Tugboat delivers products and support to industry-leading customers worldwide in both manufacturing and software development. Customers include General Mills, Pinnacle Foods, Yoplait, Progresso, Interbake Foods, and others.