

“When we decided to go forward with an integration platform, we wanted proven software that was cost-effective, equipped with the features to handle our diverse systems, and maintainable as our environment changes. ChainBuilder met our needs...”

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**THE CHALLENGE**

This energy producer had a broad range of integration needs since the raw materials and finished goods are products that are quite sensitive to price changes in the commodities markets. These pricing considerations created the need for integration between multiple, disparate systems. Ethanol pricing data is entered into an internal intranet based pricing application. This data must be sent to the hosted ERP system via FTP to reflect the current prices on their various products. Additionally, ethanol prices are to be published to the third party system and updates to this system are delivered by FTP.

**THE SOLUTION**

To integrate dozens of best of breed applications across its extended enterprise and to provide greater visibility into its key business processes, Bostech's ChainBuilder Enterprise Integration Platform was selected. The company utilized several capabilities of ChainBuilder for integrating with the intranet-based pricing application and hosted ERP database. The intranet-pricing data was mapped for delivery to the ERP and third party publishing system in targeted formats specific to those two systems. The Bostech solution is used to reliably push these two data streams using FTP to the two target systems that reside outside the company's own IT infrastructure.

**REAL RESULTS**

Aventine was able to increase operational efficiencies and improve customer service and response time by eliminating manual processes. Accurate and timely invoices in the customer's desired format allowed for faster payment. Our flexible, robust integration platform allowed flexibility and reduced application dependency. And less paper and manual processes provided greater accuracy, speed and efficiency and therefore increased customer satisfaction. And as Aventine has evolved, ChainBuilder has innovated, as well, working to improve their processes and continually improving their return on investment.