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**OGIHARA IMPLEMENTS ARAS MICROSOFT-BASED  
ENTERPRISE OPEN SOURCE SOLUTIONS FOR QUALITY COMPLIANCE**

*Leading Automotive Supplier Chooses Microsoft Enterprise Open Source for  
Mission Critical Quality Compliance Processes*

**LAWRENCE, MASS. – April 10, 2007** – Aras® Corporation, leading Microsoft® enterprise open source software solution provider, today announced that Ogihara America Corporation has selected the Aras Innovator® open source solution suite for enterprise quality management and Advance Product Quality Planning [APQP] compliance. Ogihara is a leading automotive supplier of vehicle body parts including door, fender, hood, and roof panels to DaimlerChrysler, Ford, GM, Mitsubishi, and Nissan.

“We consider our quality compliance processes strategic and an essential part of our ability to deliver superior value to customers,” said Dennis Henning, IT Manager for Ogihara. “The Aras Microsoft enterprise open source solutions give us the control and flexibility we demand and the confidence we require for our enterprise-wide deployment.”

Ogihara needed better visibility and coordination of quality compliance processes to ensure that stringent quality levels are achieved. Aras Innovator will manage corrective & preventive action [CAPA] issue resolution for closed-loop accountability and provide defect tracking and nonconforming material management. Phase-gate new product project management based on the APQP requirements will include deliverable roll-ups for dashboard visibility and risk management based on Failure Mode & Effects Analysis [FMEA] and Control Plans.

Ogihara is developing an Aras Innovator adapter to the Progress Software Sonic ESB [Enterprise Services Bus] for integration to the QAD MFG/PRO ERP system which will be posted as a community contributed open source adapter for free download.

**PODCAST:** Listen to Ogihara outline business goals and discuss the project [7 mins]

[http://aras.com/Exchange/blogs/aras\\_user\\_blog/archive/2007/03/05/ogihara-addresses-quality-management-apqp-compliance.aspx](http://aras.com/Exchange/blogs/aras_user_blog/archive/2007/03/05/ogihara-addresses-quality-management-apqp-compliance.aspx)

**About Ogihara America Corporation**

Ogihara America Corporation is a leading automotive supplier providing best-in-class quality stamped panels and modules. Total program management, award winning quality, and modular

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production with Just-In-Time delivery provides customers with exceptional products and superior service. For additional information visit [www.ogihara.com](http://www.ogihara.com)

### **About Aras Corporation**

Aras<sup>®</sup> Corporation is the leader in providing Microsoft<sup>®</sup> enterprise open source software solutions to companies that want the control and flexibility of open source and have Microsoft skill sets and infrastructure. Aras delivers the Aras Innovator<sup>®</sup> suite of solutions providing an alternative to conventional enterprise applications. The Aras Innovator<sup>®</sup> application framework technology is a next generation *model-based*, service-oriented architecture [SOA] in Microsoft .NET<sup>®</sup> with unmatched flexibility enabling companies to deploy quickly and adapt easily while maintaining upgradeability. Customers include Rolls-Royce, Freudenberg, Ingersoll Rand and ACCO Brands. Aras is privately held and headquartered in Lawrence, Mass. For additional information visit [www.aras.com](http://www.aras.com)

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