



## **The Status of the CDMS integration with the B2B Flooring Standards**

CDMS Inc. "Carpet Dealer Management System" is B2B compatible. CDMS has been integrating with the VENCOM B2B software package since 1995. CDMS currently integrates with the Product/Price updates, and the A/P Invoicing. The "Real-Time Purchasing" feature has been shipped to all of the CDMS customers in CDMS release version 8.02.00. Any CDMS customer that utilizes the VENCOM B2B software has the ability to place B2B purchase orders with the participating B2B suppliers.

The Product/Price Updates include temporary price changes, product adds and changes, colors, and drop notices. The A/P invoicing feature allows you to post all Invoices from the participating suppliers. This feature includes performing any cost or quantity corrections when necessary. Full audit trails are available. CDMS allows you to view and edit the transactions before posting them to the A/P Module.

The third phase of the B2B implementation consists of Electronic Purchasing and Purchase Order confirmation. CDMS gives you the option to process the Purchase Order while entering the Customer's sales order. You are then given the option to send the Purchase Order electronically to the manufacturer. In most cases, within a few seconds, the Purchase Order confirmation number and Available to Ship date are displayed on the screen. This will allow you to inform the customer how quickly his goods are to arrive. Purchase Orders can also be processed in batch mode through the Purchase Order Maintenance Application. This process will produce a Purchase Order Confirmation report listing all Purchase Orders electronically ordered in the batch, with the Confirmation Number, Available to Ship date and Status.

The next phase of the B2B implementation should include Advanced Ship Notices. This feature will inform you when the Goods ordered will arrive at your location. The Advanced Ship Notices also include Roll Number and Dye Lot information. Additional features that will be added to the Purchase Order feature include Job Cuts, and the ability to add minimum and maximum quantities. This will assist the supplier in choosing short roll balances when available based on your criteria.

CDMS is a UNIX based software package. The flavor of UNIX is SCO Open Server Enterprise. VENCOM B2B is a Microsoft Windows based software package. Even though CDMS is not a Microsoft Windows based software, a transparent link to VENCOM B2B has been developed through the use of an "FTP" polling process. In simple terms, the VENCOM exported information is passed to the CDMS UNIX Server through the use of "FTP" commands without any user intervention, making this process completely transparent.