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Notice of 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

and Proxy Statement

Meeting Date:

May 19, 2005

Epicor Software Corporation

18200 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 1000

Irvine, CA 92612

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To our shareholders:

You are hereby cordially invited to attend the 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Epicor Software Corporation. The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the Irvine Marriott Hotel located at 18000 Von Karman Avenue, Irvine, CA 92612. The expected actions to be taken at the Annual Meeting are described in the attached Proxy Statement and Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Included with the Proxy Statement is a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004. We encourage you to read the Form 10-K. It includes our audited financial statements and information about our operations, markets and products.

Stockholders of record as of March 21, 2005 may vote at the Annual Meeting.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, please complete, sign, date, and return the accompanying proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope or, if available, vote via the Internet or by telephone. Returning the proxy card or voting via the Internet or by telephone will ensure your representation at the meeting but does NOT deprive you of your right to attend the meeting and to vote your shares in person. The Proxy Statement explains more about the proxy voting. Please read it carefully. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

L. George Klaus

Chairman of the Board,

Chief Executive Officer and President

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

- Date: Thursday, May 19, 2005
- Time: 10:00 a.m. local time
- Place: Irvine Marriott Hotel

18000 Von Karman Avenue

Irvine, CA 92612

Matters to be voted on:

- Election of the Company s five nominee directors, L. George Klaus, Donald R. Dixon, Thomas F. Kelly, Harold D. Copperman, and Robert H. Smith;
- Approval of the Company s 2005 Stock Incentive Plan;
- Ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005; and
- Any other matters that may properly be brought before the meeting.

Any of the above matters may be considered at the annual meeting at the date and time specified above or an adjournment or postponement of such meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors

L. George Klaus

Chairman, CEO and President

April 12, 2005

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.

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WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY CARD OR VOTING INSTRUCTION CARD IN THE ENCLOSED POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE OR, IF AVAILABLE, VOTE BY TELEPHONE OR USING THE INTERNET AS INSTRUCTED ON THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD OR VOTING INSTRUCTION CARD.

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EPICOR SOFTWARE CORPORATION

PROXY STATEMENT FOR 2005

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

INFORMATION CONCERNING SOLICITATION AND VOTING

The enclosed Proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of Epicor Software Corporation (Epicor or the Company), for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Thursday, May 19, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. local time, and at any postponement or adjournment thereof. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Irvine Marriott Hotel located at 18000 Von Karman Avenue, Irvine, California 92612. The purposes of the Annual Meeting are set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

These proxy solicitation materials and the enclosed Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, including financial statements, were first mailed on or about April 15, 2005 to all stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting. Our principal executive offices are located at 18200 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 1000, Irvine, California 92612, and our telephone number is (949) 585-4000.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING

Who May Vote Stockholders of record at the close of business on March 21, 2005 (Record Date) are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Company has two (2) classes of equity securities outstanding, designated Common Stock, \$.001 par value (Common Stock), and Series D Preferred Stock, \$.001 par value (Series D Preferred Stock, respectively). At the Record Date, 53,465,731 shares of Common Stock, which includes 426,891 shares of Common Stock held by the Company as treasury shares, and 168,158 shares of Series D Preferred Stock were issued and outstanding. Voting and Conversion Rights of Each share of Common Stock outstanding at the record date will be entitled to one (1) vote with **Common Stock and Series D Preferred** respect to each proposal herein and any other matter that properly may come before the Annual Stock Meeting of Stockholders. Each share of Series D Preferred Stock is also convertible into ten (10) shares of Common Stock, as adjusted for any stock dividends, combinations or splits with respect to such shares, at any time at the option of the holder. In addition, each share of Series D Preferred Stock automatically converts into ten (10) shares of Common Stock, as adjusted as provided above, ten (10) days following the date that the average closing price of the Common Stock for twenty (20) consecutive days has exceeded \$5.73 per share, as adjusted as provided above.

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Each share of Series D Preferred Stock will be entitled to vote with the holders of Common Stock on an as-converted basis on all matters presented for stockholder approval. Thus, a total of 54,720,420 votes, excluding 426,891 treasury shares, are eligible to be cast at the Annual Meeting.

Voting Your Proxy

If a broker, bank or other nominee holds your shares, you will receive instructions from them that you must follow in order to have your shares voted.

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Internet and telephone voting may be available in the instructions from your broker, bank or other nominee. If a bank, broker or other nominee holds your shares and you wish to attend the meeting and vote in person, you must obtain a legal proxy from the record holder of the shares giving you the right to vote the shares.

If you hold your shares in your own name as a holder of record, you may instruct the proxy holders how to vote your common stock by using the toll free telephone number, the Internet voting site listed on the proxy card, or by signing, dating and mailing the proxy card in the postage paid envelope that we have provided. Of course, you may also choose to attend the meeting and vote your shares in person. Specific instructions for using the telephone and Internet voting systems are on the proxy card. The telephone and Internet voting systems will be available until 11:59 p.m. (Central Time) on May 18, 2005. Whichever of these methods you select to transmit your instructions, the proxy holders will vote your shares in accordance with those instructions. If you sign and return a proxy card without giving specific voting instructions, your shares will be voted as recommended by our Board of Directors.

Matters to be Presented	We are not aware of any matters to be presented other than those described in this Proxy Statement. If any matters not described in the Proxy Statement are properly presented at the meeting, the proxy holders will use their own judgment to determine how to vote your shares. If the meeting is adjourned, the proxy holders can vote your shares on the new meeting date as well, unless you have revoked your proxy instructions, as described below under Changing Your Vote.
Changing Your Vote	To revoke your proxy instructions if you are a holder of record, you must (i) advise our Corporate Secretary in writing before the proxy holders vote your shares, (ii) deliver later proxy instructions before the proxy holders vote your shares, or (iii) attend the meeting and vote your shares in person. If your shares are held by a bank, broker or other nominee, you must follow the instructions provided by the bank, broker or nominee.
Cost of This Proxy Solicitation	We will pay the cost of this proxy solicitation. We may, on request, reimburse brokerage firms and other nominees for their expenses in forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners. In addition to soliciting proxies by mail, we expect that our directors, officers and employees may solicit proxies in person or by telephone or facsimile. None of these individuals will receive any additional or special compensation for doing this, although we will reimburse these individuals for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.
How Votes are Counted	The Annual Meeting will be held if a majority of the outstanding Common Stock, including Series D Preferred Stock on an as converted basis, entitled to vote is represented in person or by proxy at the meeting. If you have returned valid proxy instructions or attend the meeting in person, your Common Stock will be counted for the purpose of determining whether there is a quorum, even if you wish to abstain from voting on some or all matters at the meeting.

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Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes	Shares that are voted WITHHELD or ABSTAIN are treated as being present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum and as entitled to vote on a particular subject matter at the Annual Meeting. If you hold your common stock through a bank, broker or other nominee, the broker may be prevented from voting shares held in your account on some proposals (a broker non-vote) unless you have given voting instructions to the bank, broker or nominee. The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) issued regulations prohibiting brokers or other nominees that are NYSE member organizations from voting in favor of proposals relating to equity compensation plans unless they receive specific instructions from the beneficial owner of the shares to vote in that manner. National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (NASD) member brokers are also prohibited from voting on such proposals without specific instructions from beneficial holders. Accordingly, all shares that you hold through a broker or other nominee who is a NASD or NYSE member organization will only be voted on approval of equity compensation plans if you have provided specific voting instructions to your broker or other nominee to vote your shares on such proposal. Shares that are subject to a broker non-vote are counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists but not for purposes of determining whether a proposal has passed.		
Our Voting Recommendations	When proxies are properly dated, executed and returned, the shares represented by such proxies will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the instructions of the stockholder. However, if no specific instructions are given, the shares will be voted in accordance with the following recommendations of our Board of Directors:		
	• FOR the election of the Director nominees to the Board of Directors;		
	• FOR approval of the Company s 2005 Stock Incentive Plan; and		
	• FOR ratification of Deloitte & Touche, LLP as our independent auditors for fiscal year 2005		
Deadline for Receipt of Stockholder Proposals	Stockholders may present proposals for action at a future meeting only if they comply with the requirements of the proxy rules established by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and our bylaws. Stockholder proposals that are intended to be included in our Proxy Statement and form of Proxy relating to the meeting for our 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders under rules set forth in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Securities Exchange Act) must be received by us no later than December 9, 2005 to be considered for inclusion.		

If a stockholder intends to submit a proposal or nomination for director for our 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders that is not to be included in Epicor s Proxy Statement and form of Proxy relating to the meeting, the stockholder must give us notice in accordance with the requirements set forth in Epicor s bylaws between 45 days and 90 days prior to the meeting, unless less than 55 days notice of the 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is given, in which case stockholder notice must be received by Epicor no later than the 10th day following the date that notice of such meeting is given to stockholders. Epicor s bylaws require that certain information and acknowledgments with respect to the proposal and the stockholder making the proposal be set forth in the notice. A copy of the relevant bylaw provision is available upon written request to Epicor Software Corporation, 18200 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 1000, Irvine, California 92612, Attention: Corporate Secretary. You can also access our SEC filings, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K, on our website at www.epicor.com.

PROPOSAL ONE: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Nominees

Currently, there are six (6) members of the Board of Directors. However, Andreas Kemi, who has served as a director since shortly after the Company s acquisition of Scala in June 2004, has decided not to stand for reelection given that the acquisition and integration of Scala have essentially been completed. Effective May 19, 2005, the number of authorized directors will be reduced to five (5). Accordingly, at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, five (5) directors are to be elected by the holders of Common Stock and Series D Preferred Stock. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy holders will vote the proxies received by them for the Company s five (5) nominees named below. All nominees are currently directors of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the proxies will be voted for a nominee designated by the present Board of Directors to fill the vacancy. The Company is not aware of any nominee who will be unable to or will decline to serve as a director. The term of office for each person elected as a director will continue until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until the earlier of his death, resignation or removal.

Name	Age	Position	Director Since
L. George Klaus	64	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief	1996
		Executive Officer	
Donald R. Dixon	57	Director	1995
Thomas F. Kelly	52	Director	2000
Harold D. Copperman	58	Director	2001
Robert H. Smith	68	Lead Director	2003

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the election of all of the nominees listed above.

L. George Klaus	Mr. Klaus has been a Director of the Company and has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Company since February 1996 and Chairman of the Board since September 1996. Mr. Klaus also served as President of the Company from February 1996 through November 1999 and from June 2001 to the present. From July 1993 through October 1995, Mr. Klaus served as President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Frame Technology, Inc., a software company that produces software tools for authoring, managing and distributing business-critical documents. Mr. Klaus currently serves on the board of FileNET Corporation (NASDAQ: FILE). Mr. Klaus is also a member of the Information and Computer Science CEO Advisory Board for the University of California, Irvine.
Donald R. Dixon	Mr. Dixon has been a Director of the Company since September 1995. Mr. Dixon has served as Managing Director of Trident Capital, Inc., a private investment firm, since June 1993. Mr. Dixon also is a director of a number of private companies.
Thomas F. Kelly	Mr. Kelly has been a Director of the Company since January 2000. In March 2005, Mr. Kelly became Chief Executive Officer of Transware Limited and its holding company parent, Eastchase Limited. Transware provides localization and translation services to enterprises and e-learning content suppliers, supporting translation in 80 languages. From September 2004 to

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	March 2005, Mr. Kelly acted as an independent consultant to Trident Capital, with the title of Entrepreneur in residence. Prior to that time, Mr. Kelly was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of BlueStar Solutions, Inc., an enterprise resource planning software hosting company, from January 2001 to September 2004, at which time BlueStar was acquired by ACS, Inc. From July 1998 through December 2000, Mr. Kelly was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Blaze Software, Inc., a provider of rules-based e-business software that enables personalized interaction across an enterprise s electronic contact points. From March 1996 through March 1998, Mr. Kelly was employed at Cirrus Logic, Inc. as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and then subsequently Chief Operating Officer. From September 1993 through December 1995, Mr. Kelly served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Frame Technology Corporation, a software company that produces software tools for authoring, managing and distributing business-critical documents. Mr. Kelly is also a director of FEI Company (NASDAQ: FEIC), a manufacturer of particle and ion beam imaging and analysis solutions for the semiconductor and science markets and a director of Sendmail, Inc., a private email security company.
Harold D. Copperman	Mr. Copperman has been a director of the Company since July 2001. Mr. Copperman is currently the CEO and President of HDC Ventures, Inc., a management and investment group focusing on enterprise systems, software and services. From 1993 through 1999, Mr. Copperman served as Senior Vice President and Group Executive of the Products Divisions at Digital Equipment Corporation where he was responsible for the company s six computer systems business units and worldwide manufacturing and distribution. Mr. Copperman was formerly a director of America Online, Inc. (1989-1993) and 800 Software (1992-1993) and currently sits on the Board of Avocent Corporation (NASDAQ: AVCT) and a number of other private companies in the information technology business.
Robert H. Smith	Mr. Smith has been a director of the Company since May 2003 and in April 2005 was voted to the position of Lead Director by the Board. Mr. Smith has over forty years of experience in financial management with leading technology companies. From 1963 at the onset of his career at Honeywell, Inc., Mr. Smith has held a number of executive positions in operations, finance and administration with Memorex Corporation and Control Data Corporation. In 1982, Mr. Smith joined R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company (NYSE: DNY), a leading provider of financial printing and communications as executive vice president, finance and chief financial officer. Mr. Smith went on to become president of Maxwell Graphics in 1986. In 1996, Mr. Smith joined Novellus Systems, Inc., as executive vice president, finance and administration and chief financial officer. Mr. Smith also served on the board of directors of Novellus until his retirement in 2002. Since 1990, Mr. Smith has been a member of the board of directors of Cirrus Logic, Inc. (NASDAQ: CRUS), serves on the company s compensation committee, and also serves as chairman of the audit committee. In 2003, Mr. Smith joined the board of directors of PLX Technology (NASDAQ: PLXT) a provider of high-speed connectivity equipment in the semiconductor industry and also joined the board of Virage Logic (NASDAQ: VIRL), a single source provider of semiconductor IP platforms.

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Vote Required

The five (5) nominees for director receiving the highest number of affirmative votes from holders of shares entitled to be voted for them shall be elected as directors. Votes withheld from any director are counted for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum, but have no other legal effect under Delaware law. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE COMPANY S FIVE** (5) **NOMINEE DIRECTORS**. Unless otherwise marked, proxies solicited by the Company will be voted FOR the election of the Company s FIVE (5) nominee directors.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors held 4 meetings during fiscal year 2004. Each director attended or participated telephonically in 75% or more of the aggregate of (i) the total number of the meetings of the Board of Directors (held during the period for which such director was a director) and (ii) the total number of meetings of all committees on which such director served (held during the period for which such director served as a committee member) during fiscal year 2004.

Board Independence	The Board of Directors has determined that each of its current directors, including all nominee directors, except the Chief Executive Officer, has no material relationship with Epicor and is independent within the meaning of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. director independence standards, as currently in effect.
Committees of the Board of Directors	The Board of Directors has Audit, Nominating and Corporate Governance, and Compensation Committees. Each of these committees has adopted a written charter. All members of the committees are appointed by the Board of Directors, and are non-employee directors. The following describes each committee and its function, its current membership and the number of meetings held during fiscal year 2004.
Audit Committee	The Audit Committee currently consists of Messrs. Kelly, Smith, and Copperman, each of whom is independent within the meaning of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. director independence standards, as currently in effect. Mr. Dixon was also a member of the Audit Committee during 2004. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Kelly is an audit committee financial expert as defined in SEC rules. The Audit Committee held 4 meetings during fiscal year 2004. Mr. Kelly serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee.

The Board of Directors has adopted a written charter for the Audit Committee, which is available on Epicor s website at www.epicor.com under Investors and Corporate Governance . In addition, the Audit Committee charter was attached to the Company s proxy statement in 2004 as Appendix B.

The Audit Committee oversees the accounting, financial reporting and audit processes; makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the selection of independent auditors; reviews the results and scope of audit and other services provided by the independent auditors; reviews the accounting principles and auditing practices and procedures to be used in preparing our financial statements; and reviews our internal controls and procedures to ensure compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

The Audit Committee works closely with management and our independent auditors. The Audit Committee also meets with our independent auditors in an executive session, without the presence of our management, on a quarterly basis, following completion of their quarterly reviews and annual audit and prior to our earnings announcements, to review the results of their work. The Audit Committee also meets with our independent auditors to approve the annual scope of the audit services to be performed.

The Audit Committee Report is included herein on page 33.

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Nominating and Corporate Governance The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee consists of Messrs. Kelly, Copperman and Smith, each of whom is independent within the meaning of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. director independence standards, as currently in effect. Mr. Smith serves as chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and also as the Lead Director.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee held 2 meetings during fiscal year 2004. The Board of Directors has adopted the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee charter; which is available on Epicor s website at www.epicor.com under Investors and Corporate Governance .

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers and periodically reports on matters relating to the identification, selection and qualification of the Board of Directors and candidates nominated to the Board of Directors and its committees; develops and recommends governance principles applicable to the Company and the Board of Directors; oversees the evaluation of the Board of Directors and management; and oversees and sets compensation for the Board of Directors.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers properly submitted stockholder recommendations for candidates for membership on the Board of Directors as described below under Identification and Evaluation of Nominees for Directors. In evaluating such recommendations, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee seeks to achieve a balance of knowledge, experience and capability on the Board of Directors and to address the membership criteria set forth under Director Qualifications. Any stockholder recommendations proposed for consideration by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee should include the candidate s name and qualifications for membership on the Board of Directors and should be addressed to our Corporate Secretary. In addition, procedures for stockholder direct nomination of directors are discussed above under the section Deadline for Receipt of Stockholder Proposals and are discussed in detail in our bylaws, which will be provided to you upon written request.

Director Qualifications	The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee uses a variety of criteria to evaluate the qualifications and skills necessary for members of our Board of Directors. Under these criteria, members of the Board of Directors should have the highest professional and personal ethics and values, consistent with longstanding Epicor values and standards. They should have broad experience at the policy-making level in business, government, education, technology or public interest. They should be committed to enhancing stockholder value and should have sufficient time to carry out their duties and to provide insight and practical wisdom based on experience. Their service on other boards of public companies should be limited to a number that permits them, given their individual circumstances, to perform responsibly all director duties. Each director must represent the interests of all stockholders.
Identification and Evaluation of Nominees for Directors	The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee utilizes a variety of methods for identifying and evaluating nominees for director. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee regularly assesses the appropriate size of the Board of Directors, and whether any vacancies on the Board of Directors are expected due to retirement or otherwise. In the event

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	that vacancies are anticipated, or otherwise arise, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers various potential candidates for director. Candidates may come to the attention of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee through current members of the Board of Directors, professional search firms, stockholders or other persons. These candidates are evaluated at regular or special meetings of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, and may be considered at any point during the year. As described above, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers properly submitted stockholder recommendations for candidates for the Board of Directors. In evaluating such recommendations, the Nominating and Governance Committee uses the qualifications standards discussed above and seeks to achieve a balance of knowledge, experience and capability on the Board of Directors.
Compensation Committee	The Compensation Committee consists of Messrs. Dixon, Kelly, and Smith. The Compensation Committee held 1 meeting during fiscal year 2004 and acted by unanimous consent on several occasions. The Compensation Committee also met in March 2005, following the end of fiscal year 2004, to review fiscal year 2004 compensation and set fiscal year 2005 compensation. Mr. Dixon serves as Chair of the Compensation Committee.

The Compensation Committee oversees and makes recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding our compensation and benefits policies; and oversees, evaluates and approves compensation plans, policies and programs for our executive officers.

The Compensation Committee Report is included herein on page 29.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation	During fiscal year 2004, no member of the Compensation Committee was an officer or employee of Epicor, and no member of the Compensation Committee has been at any time in the past an officer of Epicor. During fiscal year 2004, no member of the Compensation Committee or executive officer of Epicor served as a member of the Board of Directors or Compensation Committee of any entity that has an executive officer serving as a member of our Board of Directors or Compensation Committee.
Annual Meeting Attendance	The Company s policy is to invite, but not require directors to attend annual meetings of Epicor stockholders. One director attended the 2004 annual meeting of stockholders.
Communicating with the Board of Directors	Epicor s policy is that shareholders may communicate with the Board of Directors, by submitting an email to <u>bod@epicor.com</u> , or by writing to us at Epicor Software Corporation, Attention: Board of Directors, 18200 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 1000, Irvine, California 92612. Stockholders who would like their submission directed to a member of the Board of Directors may so specify, and the communication will be forwarded. All other stockholder communications related to the Board and the Company s business are forwarded directly to the entire Board of Directors by the General Counsel of the Company.
Code of Ethics	The Board of Directors has adopted a Worldwide Code of Business Conduct and Code of Ethics, which is applicable to the Company, including the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and all officers of the Company. The Board has also adopted separate Corporate Governance Guidelines, which contains provisions specifically applicable to directors.

We will provide a copy of the Worldwide Code of Business Conduct and Code of Ethics and/or the Corporate Governance Guidelines upon request made by email to <u>investorrelations@epicor.com</u> or in writing to Epicor Software Corporation, Attention: Investor Relations, 18200 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 1000, Irvine, California 92612. Epicor will disclose any amendment to the Worldwide Code of Business Conduct and Code of Ethics or the Corporate Governance Guidelines or waiver of a provision of the Worldwide Code of Business Conduct and Code of Ethics or the Corporate Governance Guidelines, including the name of the officer to whom the waiver was granted, on our website at <u>www.epicor.com</u>, on the Investor Relations page.

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SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth certain information as of March 21, 2005 regarding the beneficial ownership of the Common Stock and D Preferred Stock of the Company by (i) each person known by management to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of any class of the Company s capital stock (based upon reports filed by such persons with the Securities and Exchange Commission), (ii) each director of the Company, (iii) each of the persons named in the Summary Compensation Table, and (iv) all current directors and executive officers of the Company as a group:

Name and Address	Common Stock Amount and		Series D Preferred Stock Amount and		Total Voting Power	
of Beneficial Owner ()(+)	Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percentage of Class**	Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percentage of Class	Votes	Total Percentage
LeRoy C. Kopp	4,614,142	8.37%	0 where ship		4,614,142	8.37%
Kopp Investment Advisors, LLC						
Kopp Holding Company, LLC						
Kopp Holding Company						
7701 France Avenue South Suite 500						
Edina, MN 55435 (2)						
Trident Capital Fund-V, LP	1,754,710(3)(4)(5)	3.18%	168,158(3)(4)(5)	100%	1,754,710	3.18%
Trident Capital Fund-V Affiliates Fund, L.P.						
Trident Capital Fund-V Affiliates Fund (Q), L.P.						
Trident Capital Fund-V Principals Fund, L.P.						
Trident Capital Parallel Fund-V, C.V.						
2480 Sand Hill Road, Suite 100						
Menlo Park, CA 94025 (1)						
Richard H. Pickup	2,885,600	5.2%		_	2,885,600	5.23%
Dito Devcar Corporation						
Pickup Family Trust TB Fund, LLC						
DRP Charitable Remainder Unitrust						
TMP Charitable Remainder Unitrust						
Plus Four Equity Partners, LP						

Dito Caree, LP

2321 Alcova Ridge Dr.

Las Vegas, NV 89134 (6)

L. George Klaus	2,977,696(7)(8)	5.40%			2,977,696	5.40%
Robert H. Smith	28,333(9)	*			28,333	*
Donald R. Dixon	1,754,710(3)(4)(5)	3.18%	168,158(3)(4)(5)	100	1,754,710	3.18%
Thomas F. Kelly	46,000(10)	*			46,000	*
Harold D. Copperman	65,000(11)	*			65,000	*
Michael A. Piraino	115,625(12)					