

## Internet / Web-based Technology in General

We are investigating the use of Internet Technology to enhance our information exchange with our Vendors. Please continue to visit our web site, [www.fdsnet.com](http://www.fdsnet.com), to keep up with current information on this program.

## XML Requirements For “Order Status Tracking”

Federated Department Stores has expanded our technology to include a web-based initiative to become more collaborative with our vendors via eXtensible Mark-up Language (XML) communication. XML is a flexible way for partners to share real-time information over the Internet.

As of February 1, 2001, Federated can receive the following **order statuses via XML** documents:

- Purchase Order Accepted: **Received** and acknowledged a PO into Vendor system
- Pick ticket (work order) **Created**: Allocated inventory against an existing PO
- Pick ticket (work order) **Packed**: Allocated inventory is packed into cartons
- Pick ticket (work order) **Complete**: Work order is ready to ship

The information above is then **provided to our merchants** via our internal, web-based Purchase Order tracking system, the **Pipeline**. By providing this information to us, via XML, you will receive fewer inquiries from our merchants as your information will be available on their desktop. (Please call Federated Logistics and Operations at 201-422-7306 for more information about our XML program)

There are numerous ways in which XML documents can be created and transmitted. For XML schema definitions and the XML Start-up form, please visit our web site at: [www.fdsnet.com](http://www.fdsnet.com) As industry standards are developed, Federated Department Stores will adhere to the standards.

## Technical Requirements

1. Transmit XML documents according to the 4 defined schemas. All 4 schemas are required.
2. Transmit the XML industry standards for secured internet transmissions - SSL over HTTPS.
3. Post XML documents to Federated-supplied web site URLs. URLs will be made available after an XML Start Up Form has been submitted to Federated.
4. Forward Federated the IP address of the machine from which their XML documents will be posted.