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## Steton Finalizes Deal with Carlson Restaurants for Subsidiaries TGI Fridays and Pick Up Stix

*Steton Quality Suite® will automate the quality and safety  
inspection process for Carlson Restaurants*



**St. George, Utah — August 26, 2003** — The Steton Technology Group announced today that it recently finalized plans to provide Carlson Restaurants with its industry-leading Steton Quality Suite®, which automates the collection, analysis and reporting of critical quality assurance data. Carlson Restaurants operates, franchises and licenses 797 restaurants in 56 countries, including *TGI Friday's®*, credited as being the first American casual dining chain, and *Pick Up Stix®*, a fast-casual Chinese restaurant chain with 85 locations in California, Nevada, Arizona and Illinois. Carlson performs quality audits on an hourly basis with their suppliers to ensure they are meeting top quality and safety inspection criteria.

“The key benefit we get is the paperless solution that provides us with the ability to access our suppliers through an online median,” stated Betsy Kaesontae, Carlson Restaurant’s Manager of Quality Assurance and Food Safety. “The *Steton Quality Suite®* provides a proactive approach for improving quality at Carlson.”

Carlson Restaurants has over 40 suppliers that it continuously monitors and inspects. The *Steton Quality Suite®* enables Carlson to monitor the food quality in real-time, with a paperless solution that reduces cost and makes the quality control process much more efficient.



“The Steton Technology Group is very pleased to add Carlson Restaurants, a company with a long-standing reputation for quality, to our growing food service client list,” stated Dennis Derrick, Steton Vice President of Sales and Marketing. “Carlson was looking for a way to manage their supplier relationships more efficiently. They’ll accomplish that objective, and much more, with the Steton Quality Suite®.”

Founded in 1996, Steton Technology Group, Inc. was established to meet the need for automated safety and quality assurance systems. Its flagship products are the Steton Quality Suite® and the Steton Safety Suite™. In addition to its software products, Steton offers supporting services that provide significant overhead cost savings to its clients, including software and system engineering, data and network hosting, project management and solutions consulting.

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**For more information on Steton Quality Suite:**

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