EXHIBIT 2 Business Processes That Can Be Enhanced with RFID		
Application Areas	Enhancements with RFID	Benefits
Supply-Chain Management	Instantaneous information about supply of inventory (quantities, locations) and demand (customer or market)	Process transparency across supply-chain relationships Ability to track life-cycles of inventory Higher productivity Lower levels of inventory Improved customer service
Manufacturing Process	Transparency and management of in-process inventory and operations, improved reporting for operations and accounting, and demand triggers for just-in-time (JIT) reporting	Automation of production process More-efficient production planning and tracking Improved manufacturing quality Lower levels of inventory
Asset Management	Real-time information about the location, movement, and maintenance history for machines, vehicles, or other equipment	Enhanced management of productive assets Improved maintenance for machines, vehicles, or other equipment More-efficient accounting and recordkeeping for productive assets
Access Control and Fraud Prevention	Security over access and product-theft prevention, as well as detection of counterfeit products or documents	Improved physical security for business locations and safeguarding of assets Ability to detect and deter counterfeiting and fraud
Retail Applications	Enhanced customer service during selection of merchandise, at point of sale, and for return of goods	More-effective merchandise display Faster restocking More-efficient customer check-out process More-effective deployment of personnel

Source: IBM, "Radio Frequency Identification and the On Demand Business Transformation," IBM Business Consulting Services White Paper.

36 JULY 2006 / THE CPA JOURNAL