



Northwest Supply Chain

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DID YOU KNOW?

- There are 13 Regional Hospitals within the NSC
- A projected \$1 Million Dollars in savings is expected within the first year of starting the program
- The communities we partnership with totals over 3,500kms or an area the size of France!

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Welcome to our Inaugural Newsletter!

Introduction

The Northwest Supply Chain Collaboration (NSC) is comprised of the 13 Hospitals in Northwestern Ontario, and began business in the Fall of 2011. St. Joseph's Care Group and Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre have co-sponsored this new program by amalgamating their Materials Management Departments to create a shared service or centre of excellence. The program will primarily focus on Strategic Sourcing and Contracting, with the focus to drive savings for the Hospitals in Northwestern Ontario.

Project Scope

This initiative for the Northwest Supply Chain focuses on establishing best practices in supply chain through improved technology, group sourcing and contracting and leveraging the expertise of other supply chain partners such as Group Purchasing Organizations (GPO) or other Shared Service Organizations (SSO). The NSC organizations have two prime enterprise information systems, ORMED information Management System and Great Plains Momentum System. ORMED has been implemented in 7 hospitals with the remaining organizations operating with the Great Plains Momentum System. The NSC project will not replace legacy systems but will leverage current information systems and use interfacing to a central data management system to perform spend and data analysis. Distribution and transactional processing is out of scope for the project.

Official Launch of NSC—April 18th, 2012

Since the beginning of the program in November 2011, the Northwest Supply Chain is now ready to celebrate the achievements of the management collaborative between Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, St. Joseph's Care Group, and their regional healthcare partners; Atikokan General Hospital, Riverside Health Care Facilities, Lake of the Woods District Hospital, Red Lake Margaret Cochenour Memorial Hospital, Sioux Lookout Meno-Ya-Win Health Centre, Dryden Regional Health Centre, Nipigon District Memorial Hospital, Geraldton District Hospital, McCausland Hospital, Manitouwadge General Hospital and Wilson Memorial General Hospital. The official launch of the program will be announced on April 18th, 2012 at TBRHSC, attended by the local media and supporting partners. The staff involved with this program have been working diligently to present their current and ongoing achievements!

Roles and Benefits

- Standardize RFP Terms and Conditions
- Consolidate Policies and Procedures
- Share Templates and Forms with Regional Members
- Move towards product standardization and rationalization
- Adopt leading supply chain practices with e-commerce software
- Issue RFX's for Joint Regional Supply Chain Opportunities

Accomplishments

- 5 New positions have been created within the Northwest Supply Chain.
- Phases 0 & 1 (out of 12) were completed by the end of February 2012
- 6 Contracts have been awarded with projected annualized savings estimated at over \$1 Million Dollars
- Completed Board Presentations at 4 Regional Hospitals
- Presentations to Regional Supply Chain Staff has

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Future Initiatives

Ongoing projects include:

- E-commerce data survey
- Creation of Contract Registries
- Basket of Goods from Legacy Systems

The Board has recently approved the writing of tenders for the following areas:

- Primary Distribution Agreement
- Primary Group Purchasing Organization

Other Opportunities under consideration include:

- Audit, Legal and Insurance Services
- Medical Gases
- Procurement of Data Management Software
- E-commerce

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