



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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About NSC

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



Project Scope

This project focuses on establishing best practices in supply chain through improved technology, standardized policy and procedure templates, 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). NSC member organizations have two prime enterprise information systems, seven using ORMED Information Management System and six using DynamicsGP. NSC will not replace these legacy systems but will leverage current information systems and use interfacing to a central data management system to perform spend and data analysis.

WEB presence

Northwest Supply Chain has established its web presence on the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre web site (www.tbrhsc.net). There are information pages available for vendor visits, current services and contracts, and NSC contact information. This is a work in progress, so if you have any suggestions to make this more usable and informative, please let us know.

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Northwest Supply Chain

Welcome to the website for the Northwest Supply chain serving the member hospitals of LHIN 14.

Our Mission
To support Members' Supply Chain Management needs through a consolidated strategic sourcing model that drives cost efficiencies.

Our Vision
To provide optimal Supply Chain Management practices and systems that result in value driven outcomes and quality health care.

From this site you will be able to:

- ▶ Access Bid Opportunities
- ▶ Find Purchasing Contact Information
- ▶ View Purchasing Practices and Policies

Our Goals:

- ▶ Achieve supply chain efficiencies by reducing duplication in sourcing and contracting by the 13 member hospitals.

Transition Managers Message

In the past few months since the last newsletter, everyone has been busy working out the details of all those high level items listed in the first newsletter. The contract specialists have standardized and reworked the procurement documentation to reflect the new organization. The handbook has now been issued.

Several tenders have been issued: Primary Distribution agreement for standardized distribution, Primary GPO, and IT/IS provider (for data management, contract management and spend analytics).

These initiatives will drive further efficiencies and hopefully further savings. The IT/IS phase will be a 12 — 18 month implementation that will allow our shared service program to standardize goods and services as well as better enable us to retrieve data and report accomplishments.

Accomplishments

- Standardized RFX templates developed.
- Tender work plan developed
- Tenders now posted on Merx website.
- Policies and procedures developed.
- Procurement Handbook developed
- Contract registry
- Savings methodology
- Metrics reporting
- Tenders written and issued for:
 1. Primary Distribution Agreement
 2. Primary Group Purchasing Organization
 3. Information Technology Data Management System
 4. Window Cleaning
 5. Building Generator Services

Future Initiatives

Projects include:

- Audit Services.
- Legal Services
- Insurance Services
- Medical Gases
- Radiology Equipment Maintenance
- Lab Equipment Maintenance

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. We need equipment but don't have a current contract or contact.

A. Contact one of our contract specialists to see whether you can join on an existing contract or access St Joseph Capital Buying Group.

Q. We need to modify our tender documents, can we use NSC's documents as a template ?

A. Yes, NSC will continue to share its templates with member hospitals.

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