

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** Riverside County Regional Medical Center

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
January 9, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Capital Equipment Purchase to Upgrade the A la Cart Food Delivery System

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

- 1) Authorize the Chairman of the Board to approve the purchase, without competition, of equipment to upgrade the hospital's existing food delivery system.
- 2) Authorize the County Purchasing Agent to execute the purchase agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** The current patient meal delivery system that is in place at RCRMC was originally installed at Riverside General Hospital over ten (10) years ago. This system utilizes a "cook-chill" production assembly and cold tray line, which is favored within the industry over the "hot meal" assembly since "cook-chill" provides more control in regards to safe food handling, meal consistency, food and labor costs. In addition, this system allows for a moister final product than a dry heating system can offer, thus meals are generally more appealing and flavorful for the client.

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*Douglas D. Bagley*

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$17,305.44	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$0	For Fiscal Year:	03/04

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> Hospital Enterprise Fund	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE**

**County Executive Office Signature**

*Dan Marting*

- Dep't Recomm.:  Consent  Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

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**BACKGROUND (Continued):**

Due to the age of the current system, RCRMC has experienced frequent equipment breakage and increased maintenance costs. Also, temperature control issues are problematic resulting in concerned patient food safety, food loss, and increased labor costs.

This system upgrade would rectify these areas and provide a centralized monitoring system whereby RCRMC staff would be able to eliminate the possibility of food safety related issues that currently exist. This monitoring system allows staff to correct problems prior to food loss and minimize the possibility of a food-borne illness. This type of system allows us to continue to minimize labor costs. The most recent patient satisfaction survey is at 71%. With the upgraded system, patient satisfaction is expected to increase due to consistent food temperatures and timely meal service.

Also, the centralized monitoring system would be a valuable tool in meeting and monitoring HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) requirements. The reports that would be generated by upgrading the system would provide the documentation needed as part of a comprehensive HACCP program to ensure food safety guidelines are met and adhered to.

The proposed cost to upgrade the A la Cart System is \$265,521.40. Because this is an upgrade to the existing system, it is a sole source purchase. This cost is substantially less than the estimated cost of \$485,000.00 to replace the entire food delivery system at RCRMC. The following services are included in this equipment purchase:

- 1) A three (3) year warranty from the first date of use for the carts, controller chillers, System II upgrades, and the CMCS system;
- 2) A one (1) year warranty on all other miscellaneous equipment;
- 3) A ninety (90) day labor warranty;
- 4) Onsite operational and technical support during the conversion process;
- 5) Two (2) comprehensive, no charge equipment reviews and preventative maintenance visits for each of the first two (2) years.

**FINANCIAL DATA:**

This equipment will be leased through the County's preferred financing option. Current fiscal year cost is \$17,305.44, with a balance of \$42,610.88 for the next seven years (Fiscal Years 2004/2005 thru 2009/2010) and a final balance of \$21,305.44 in FY 2010/2011.

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**PRICE REASONABLENESS:**

The vendor certifies that the County is receiving the highest discount offered to a customer of comparable size. The vendor is also offering an additional incentive discount in the amount of \$4,000 if the order is placed no later than March 16, 2004.

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