



Subject: CAHO Pre-Issue Vendor Conference for Patient Handling Equipment

The twenty five academic hospitals in Ontario, represented by the Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario (CAHO) (www.caho-hospitals.com), are excited to announce that they will be proceeding with collaborative procurement of patient handling equipment (i.e. beds, stretchers, bedside cabinets, over-bed stands, sleep surfaces, and cribs). The coordination of procurement activities for these items will be carried out by the CAHO Capital Procurement Cooperative (CCPC), a collaborative formed by the St. Joseph's Health System Group Purchasing Organization (SJHS-GPO), Plexxus and Healthcare Materials Management Services (HMMS).

On behalf of the participating hospitals, CAHO would like to extend an invitation to you to attend the pre-issue vendor conference for the Patient Handling Equipment RFP on **Friday, February 8, 2008, commencing at 9:30am in the University Health Network, Toronto Western Hospital, West Wing Auditorium** (see map and details below). During this conference, vendors will be provided with an overview of the RFP process and information regarding key milestone dates. CAHO members anticipate releasing the RFP for this equipment on or around February 8, 2008.

Please identify the person(s) who will be attending including their proper email address. Please email your response to Vanessa Currie (ycurrie@caho-hospitals.com) as soon as possible and we will ensure that any further information is forwarded to the appropriate person(s).

Conference Details

Friday, February 8, 2008 – 9:30am

University Health Network
Toronto Western Hospital (TWH)
West Wing Auditorium
2nd Floor, Room 401
399 Bathurst Street
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