

# San Francisco Department of Public Health


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**TO:** The Honorable David Chiu  
President, of the Board of Supervisors

**THRU:** Barbara A. Garcia, MPA  
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**FROM:** Greg Wagner   
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**RE:** Resolution authorizing the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH), to enter into a contract amendment with Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc. (Siemens) for the acquisition of proprietary Siemens Applications and Services.

The Department of Public Health is seeking approval from the Board of Supervisors to enter into a contract amendment with Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc. (Siemens) for the acquisition of new products and services for information systems operated by the Department. These system acquisitions are required to address critical patient care needs at San Francisco General Hospital as well as regulatory compliance requirements associated with the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) relating to the "Meaningful Use" of Electronic Medical Records (EMR). The contract amendment has been approved by the San Francisco Health Commission, Committee on Information Technology (COIT) and the San Francisco Civil Service Commission.

The Siemens information systems and services provided in the contract amendment will address several specific needs relating to critical patient care areas, clinical system infrastructure and the implementation for Electronic Medical Record (EMR) technology in compliance with national Healthcare Reform initiatives.

- The contract amendment will provide for the acquisition of the Surgical Information System (SIS) products to implement state of the art technology in the Surgical Services, Operating Room and Anesthesiology operations at San Francisco General Hospital as well as upgrades to Siemens information systems currently implemented in Radiology, Medical Records and Nursing Services.
- The contract amendment will also provide technical infrastructure and support services for clinical provider Single Sign-On technology well as enhanced clinical and financial decision support and reporting capabilities for Quality Management, Discharge Planning and regulatory reporting requirements. Provider and patient access to Electronic Medical Records will be enabled by the implementation of the Mobile MD application for secure access to Protected Health Information.

It is anticipated that the successful implementation of these information systems and technologies will have a major positive impact on the provision of patient care and the ability of the Department to maintain compliance efforts in response to the increasing requirements related to the national Healthcare Reform legislation.

If you have any questions, please contact David Counter, Chief Information Officer, Department of Public Health at 415-255-3575.

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