

# ENGINEERING, FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

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## Career Advisor's Corner

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### Computer Training

The National Advancement Corporation (NAC) is offering courses on personal computer and printers. **Attachment 1**, pages 4 and 5 are a list of courses, prices per course and dates when these courses are offered. (AFMLO/FOM-E, CMSgt Alan Christian, DSN 343-4040)

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## Facilities Management

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### Renewal of Centrally-Funded Subscriptions for Medical Facilities Managers

We have received several calls from facilities managers expressing concern after having received a "renewal notice" from the National Fire Protection Association for their subscription to the Electronic National Fire Codes. As you know, AFMLO centrally funded this subscription last year along with two others: American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) and ECRI's Center for Healthcare Environmental Management (CHEM).

We have added the requirement for bulk renewal of these three subscriptions to our annual financial plan. For this reason, you should ignore any notices you get directly from the vendors. In most cases, these notices are generated via computer

using the mailing lists. Since each MTF is listed individually on the mailing list, a renewal notice is automatically sent, even though the original subscription was part of a bulk purchase.

Our goal is to centrally renew these subscriptions with sufficient lead time to avoid a lapse in service. However, if a lapse becomes unavoidable due to funding constraints, we will notify you. Then, when we do receive the funding, we will ensure the subscriptions begin where they left off.

On a separate but related subject, we have also requested funding for the central purchase of the NFPA 101, Life Safety Code Handbook.

If you have any other questions about the centrally-funded subscriptions for medical facilities managers, please call Heidi Slater at DSN 343-4176. (AFMLO/FOM-F, Capt Rhonda Hillman, DSN 343-2117)

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## Quality Assurance

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### Safety Alert -- Multiple Medical Gas Monitors, Respired/Anesthetic, MDC 17445, Model 90518 Multigas Analyzers, Spacelabs Medical, Inc.

#### *Problem*

Reference ECRI *Health Devices Alerts* Number 1997-A23, 6 June 1997, Accession No. A3266. ECRI reports these units may display an incorrect agent identification during use. Additionally, incorrect agent identification can occur if sevoflurane and enflurane are mixed in the sample circuit. Spacelabs initiated a product corrective action by letter dated 15 May 1997. The firm states no injuries have been reported as a result of this problem.

### *Action*

Using activities should verify receipt of the 15 May 1997 letter and accompanying label and operations manual addendum from Spacelabs. Identify any affected product in your inventory. If your analyzer is equipped with software versions less than 1.00.26, shipped before 1 March 1997, a company representative will contact you to arrange for the affected units to be returned to the factory for repair. If your analyzer is equipped with software versions 1.00.26, or greater, Spacelabs has provided additional, precautionary labeling and states no software or hardware upgrades are required. Ensure the caution label is placed on the front panel of the analyzer and that the operations manual addendum is reviewed by all operators and attached to the operations manual. For further information, contact Spacelabs at (800) 522-7025; customers outside the U.S. should contact Spacelabs Monitoring Technical Support at (206) 882-3700. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

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## **Medical Equipment Management**

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### **DPSC Awards Contracts for Patient Monitoring Systems**

The Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC) recently awarded three contracts for patient monitoring systems to Hewlett-Packard Company, Marquette Medical Systems, and SpaceLabs Medical, Inc. These contracts include full product lines for all companies and installation services are available. For more detailed information, see the official DPSC press release at **Attachment 1**, pages 1 through 3. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

### **Shared Procurement Equipment Items Currently Available**

AFMLL 04-97, Attachment 1, pages 1 and 2, contains a list of all current Shared Procurement contracts and optional contracts available through the Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC). If you plan to order any of these items for your facility, use the specific ordering instructions and overall program guidance contained in AFMLL 04-96, pages CE-4 and CE-5. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

### **“Piggyback” Contracts Currently Available**

AFMLL 16-96, Attachment 1, pages 4 and 5, contains a list of all current “piggyback” contracts currently available through DPSC. These contracts will allow facilities to “piggyback” requirements onto existing orders placed for specific quantities. Many of these contracts are designed to buy large quantities at reduced prices, and are written with the option of buying additional quantities at the same price. The list includes available quantities and “Order By” dates. To order, send your MILSTRIP requisitions to DPSC, and reference the contract number (from the listing) in the notes section. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

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