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Welcome New IPPSters

Congratulations to Integrated Procure-to-Pay Solutions (IPPS) Logistics and Housing Dining Hospitality (HDH) for launching The Trove, a new campus hub for enhanced services and customer experience.

The Trove project began over a year ago as part of Logistics' Consolidated Student Mail and Residential Services (SMRS) initiative. The goal was to create a one-stop-shop for students to access their mail, packages, and other services. The concept of The Trove was spearheaded by Logistics Electric Fleet and has been a collaboration between numerous departments.

The Trove features a smart locker technology system that allows students to pick up packages at a convenient location. This system not only streamlines the delivery process but also enhances the overall customer experience. The locker technology can be applied beyond package pickup, expanding service availability to other areas across campus. The Mailing Center at The Trove extends its highly capable and efficient operations to the entire campus community.

The official launch of The Trove was held last week, attracting attention from students and faculty alike. The event was featured in the UC Procurement Quarterly Newsletter, giving more insights into the project's development and its impact on campus life.

Logistics 2.0

As part of the university's strategic plan, Logistics 2.0 is a comprehensive upgrade that aims to improve efficiency and sustainability. The initiative includes the installation of a solar system and battery energy storage, which is already close to being a net-zero facility. The project is in line with the university's commitment to sustainability and reducing its carbon footprint.

Dining Hospitality (HDH) is closely involved in the Logistics 2.0 project. The university's dining services are committed to providing healthy and sustainable food options to its students. This includes support for local farmers and reducing waste, aligning with the university's sustainability goals.

The integration of solar systems and energy storage is expected to reduce the need for fossil fuel-dependent energy sources. This is not only environmentally beneficial but also cost-effective in the long run. The initiative is part of a broader campaign to raise awareness about sustainability and encourage students to adopt eco-friendly habits.

Smart locker technology and sustainable energy systems are just a few examples of the innovations being implemented under Logistics 2.0. The university is dedicated to creating a more sustainable and efficient campus environment for its students, faculty, and staff.

The Trove Grand Opening Event

The Trove Grand Opening Event was a success, with students and faculty alike enjoying the new space. As you can imagine, during the pandemic this was a great treat for students to not only get fresh mail and packages but also take a virtual tour of the new space. The event featured a variety of services and amenities that students can expect from The Trove.

Some highlights of the launch event include:

- The official opening of The Trove
- Educational sessions on smart locker technology
- Demonstrations of the solar system and battery energy storage
- Interactive tours of the new facility
- Opportunities for students to provide feedback on the new services

The event was not just a celebration of the launch of The Trove but also a testament to the university's commitment to innovation and sustainability.

Surplus Sales

Surplus Custom Furniture Program

Since 2015, Surplus Sales has offered Surplus Custom Furniture services, which have been highly successful in providing students with affordable and sustainable furniture options. The program is a win-win in terms of reutilization of configurable furniture in a UC San Diego office.

Surplus completed 12 ergo office retrofits and 8 custom-fit office installations in 2021. Ergonomic upgrades that combine a hybrid of surplus items and new materials are made for use in a new space. Surplus Sales has also made it easier for clients to complete an install in 2-3 weeks compared to 6-8 weeks for new furniture suppliers.

The program not only saves the university money but also helps in reducing waste by reusing old furniture pieces. It is an excellent example of how sustainability and cost-effectiveness can coexist in a campus environment.

Small Business First Program

Small Business First is a win-win! It streamlines the procurement process and gives access to new business opportunities for local and small businesses. This program supports the local economy and helps small businesses to stay afloat.

The Small Business First program mandates that all non-construction UC contracts, excluding those awarded to sole-source vendors, be generated through the Small Business First strategy. This approach not only promotes local businesses but also ensures that more value is returned to the community.

The program is a strategic initiative that aligns with the university's broader goals of supporting the local economy and promoting sustainable practices. The success of Small Business First has encouraged other universities to adopt similar programs, making it a model for other institutions.

In addition to Small Business First, campus clients are allowed and authorized to sign their own contracts. This empowerment of clients has increased their role in the procurement process, fostering a collaborative and efficient relationship between the university and its clients.

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In preparation for an increased need for PPE and cleaning supplies as more faculty and staff return to campus, and due to widely fluctuating supply and pricing, Strategic Procurement and the UC PPE Store Program have been working closely to keep up.

In addition to the PPE Store Program, the university is also offering MetLife® Auto & Home® insurance to its employees. MetLife® Auto & Home® is now Farmers Insurance. The transition has not affected the benefits, and the insurance will continue to be honored and serviced without interruptions. Other than rebranding, the benefits will be the same.

The new brand, Farmers MetLife Acquisition, includes a new logo and new website. However, the brand remains consistent with the benefits of the MetLife® Auto & Home® insurance.

Campus Partnership Program

The Campus Partnership Program supports the local economy by providing small business owners with opportunities to work with the university. This program allows small businesses to bid on projects and offers a competitive advantage in the bidding process.

In addition to the Small Business First Program, the Campus Partnership Program supports local businesses and promotes economic development. It is an example of how universities can play a crucial role in supporting the local economy and fostering a strong sense of community.

In conclusion, The Trove project is an excellent example of how universities can integrate innovative technology and sustainable practices into their operations. This initiative not only provides students with a convenient and efficient service but also sets a precedent for future projects. The university's commitment to sustainability and innovation is evident in the Logistics 2.0 project and the Small Business First Program.

The Surplus Custom Furniture Program demonstrates how sustainability can be achieved through reutilization of furniture, while the Small Business First Program supports local businesses and promotes economic development. The transition to Farmers Insurance for MetLife® Auto & Home® insurance is a seamless process with consistent benefits for employees.

Together, these initiatives contribute to a more sustainable and efficient campus environment, fostering a sense of community and collaboration among students, faculty, and staff.