KitchenSync™ Version 1.0

Food Purchasing, Requisitioning, and Ordering Software System

Product Overview

KitchenSync is the Central Purchasing office management software able to communicate, control, and synchronize its data with an unlimited number of remote order, production facilities, and suppliers. It combines data security, inventory management, child data generation, purchase order generation, bid and auction, list management, e-mail, automatic fax generation, and management reports. KitchenSync is the most cost-effective groupware application used to centralize, control, manage, and maintain all critical purchasing functions at great savings to its user organization.

It has been calculated that the user of KitchenSync can order and select over 90% of required data by taking advantage of a pre-defined pick list, checklists, and alert numeric entry. In addition, computations are performed automatically and instantly. Consequently, pertinent information is entered with much greater speed, completeness, and accuracy, with minimal user data entry.

When used in a small, stand-alone purchasing office, KitchenSync can operate from a stand-alone IBM compatible PC or a Local Area Network (LAN). In a LAN environment, all client stations are able to perform their respective functions simultaneously. The mode of operation for KitchenSync and its modules is predetermined during the initial set-up of the software. Should the way business is conducted change with time, the KitchenSync administrator can then adjust the system with only a few keystrokes.

When used in a complex purchasing operation, KitchenSync operates on a Local Area Network and can communicate with remote facilities over a Wide Area Network (WAN) consisting of a communication server, modem, and ordinary dial-up phone lines. In such a configuration, every location is assigned its specific functions and authorizes level during setup, while access control is managed by the Database Security Module.

KitchenSync functions can be delivered as noted above, in a centralized or distributed configuration and will provide all purchasing organization functions in a most efficient and effective fashion. All KitchenSync functions can be accomplished with a small purchasing organization at a fraction of the present cost.
**KitchenSync™ Functions**

**Central Purchasing Office Software Module**
- Controls access to KitchenSync and its functions to authorized personnel only.
- Creates and manages food items, suppliers, and master bid lists.
- Sends requests for bid to and receives bids from suppliers.
- Manages master shopping lists.
- Manages purchase orders by kitchen.
- Generates and combines purchase orders.
- Maintains and manages master shelf inventory.
- Automatically faxes purchase orders to suppliers.
- Communicates via e-mail with remote kitchens and suppliers.
- Creates and generates management reports.

**Supplier Software Module**
- Receives requests for bids.
- Records and submits bid prices to Central Purchasing office.
- Receives purchase orders from Central Purchasing or kitchen.
- Communicates via e-mail with Central Purchasing.

**Remote Kitchen Software Module**
- Controls access to authorized personnel only.
- Manages master food items list.
- Creates shopping lists.
- Generates Purchase Orders.
- Automatically faxes purchase orders to suppliers.
- Maintains kitchen shelf inventory.
- Communicates via e-mail with Central Purchasing.
- Creates and generates remote kitchen management reports.

**KitchenSync™ Benefit**
- Enhances productivity while reducing the size of the purchasing organization.
- Eliminates time consuming data entry activities.
- Eliminates paperwork and associated paper files.
- Maintains effective control over purchasing activities performed by remote offices.
- Automates the bid process.
- Automates the management of purchase orders.
- Automates generation of shopping lists.
- Maintains shelf inventory for the organization and for each remote location.
- Facilitates purchase orders from within KitchenSync.
- Allows e-mail messaging between Central Purchasing, remote offices, and suppliers.
Information Flow Diagram

A) Bids
- Bid List
  - Master Food Item List
    - Bid Request
    - Bid Prices

B) Shopping Lists
- Create Shopping List
- Master Shopping List

C) Purchase Orders
- Create Purchase Order
- Master Purchase Order
  - Receive Purchase Order

D) Food Item Deliveries
- Receive Deliveries
- Reports
  - Ship Food Items

E) Shelf Inventory
- Shelf Inventory
- Master Shelf Inventory

F) E-Mail
- E-Mail
Hardware
Pentium 266 MHz or faster
32 MB RAM (stand alone)
64 MB RAM (server)
8-10 GB HDD
Shiva communications server
56K Baud modem(s)

Software
Stand alone – Windows 3.1, Windows 95
Server – Windows NT, Novell

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