



FDSI Logistics Update: April 23, 2015

Reminder: In December 2014, the University of Pittsburgh's PantherExpress team introduced *FDSI Logistics* as a new University-wide contracted supplier for inbound* freight management. The contract with FDSI Logistics allows University departments to save an average of 30% on inbound freight expenses (savings percentages vary by supplier).

Update: Upon the conclusion of a successful pilot study with 10 participating suppliers, FDSI has expanded the program to include approximately 195 participating suppliers. Visit the [FDSI Logistics information page](#) for a current listing of all participating suppliers.

What this Means for Departmental Purchasers**

The purchasing process will not change.

Departmental purchasers will continue to place orders as usual. The implementation of FDSI Logistics will not change the purchasing process or adversely affect delivery speed. This is how it will work: If you are placing an order with a "participating supplier" (i.e. a supplier that is participating in the FDSI Logistics program), the supplier will fill the order and the carrier will ship the order on the University's third party account with FDSI Logistics.

Participating suppliers must meet cost and quality control criteria.

The program will continue to expand over time, and we will only add participating suppliers that meet inbound freight cost savings criteria and maintain high levels of service for optimal University benefit.

Understanding Your Invoice

When you place orders through a participating supplier, the participating supplier will invoice the University for the cost of the goods purchased. The invoice may also contain any applicable accessorial charges including fees for special handling or packing materials such as ice or dry ice. The freight charge will not appear on the participating supplier invoice.

Updates and Information

Please visit the [FDSI Logistics information page](#) for updates and further information about the program. This page includes a current list of participating suppliers, highlights of the program, and information about how FDSI Logistics inbound freight charges will appear on your level report.

If you have questions, please contact PantherExpress Customer Service by submitting an [online inquiry](#) or by calling 412-624-3578. Thank you.

*The contract with FDSI Logistics will not affect outbound freight contracts.

**Regional campuses (Bradford, Greensburg, Johnstown, and Titusville) are not configured to participate in this program at this time.

Best Regards,

University of Pittsburgh – PantherExpress

