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Cincinnati Sub-Zero Awarded Premier Supplier Contract for Therapeutic Hypothermia Line

New three-year agreement extends alliance members' access to medical product company's industry-leading, non-invasive therapeutic hypothermia solutions.

Cincinnati, OH (PRWeb) May 29, 2008 – Cincinnati Sub-Zero (CSZ) Medical, a division of CSZ Products, Inc. and the leader in the design and development of advanced patient temperature management solutions, today announced its award of a 36-month supplier agreement by Premier Purchasing Partners, LP. The new agreement centers on CSZ Medical industry-leading, non-invasive therapeutic hypothermia solutions, including CSZ Medical hyper-hypothermia products as well as localized heat therapy and cold therapy products.

More than 2,000 hospitals in the U.S. as well as more than 50,000 other healthcare facility sites buy many of their supplies and services through Premier's 1,300 contracts. The new three-year CSZ contract follows a prior three-year arrangement, offering purchasing stability to Premier alliance members and ensuring ongoing availability of increasingly adopted CSZ Medical therapeutic hypothermia products and accessories.

In response to the contract award, CSZ Medical Vice President and General Manager Mark Beran said, "Premier is an important partner in fulfilling our long-standing dedication to customer solution and service quality. We are pleased that CSZ therapeutic hypothermia products and accessories are a valued part of the Premier healthcare alliance purchasing portfolio."

CSZ products in the Premier contract include the Whole Body Cooling System, combining the Kool-Kit™ (CSZ Head Wrap, Patient Vest, and Lower Body Blanket) with the Blanketrol® III Hypo-Hyperthermia System, the Micro-Temp® LT Heat Therapy System, Maxi-Therm® and Maxi-Therm Lite, Temp-Pad® Heat Therapy Pads, PlastiPad Blankets, the Electri-Cool® II Localized and Portable Cold/Heat Therapy Systems, ImmobilICE Pads, and the Gelli-Roll™ Patient Temperature Management and Tissue Pressure Reduction Solution.

About Cincinnati Sub-Zero & Cincinnati Sub-Zero Medical

Cincinnati Sub-Zero (CSZ) is a leading manufacturer of temperature management products for medical and industrial needs. CSZ Medical has delivered patient temperature management systems to healthcare professionals since 1963. A complete line of medical products, designed with both the patient and caregiver in mind, includes several all-in-one-system heat and cold therapy units as well as an array of warming and cooling blankets for body temperature regulation and hyper-hypothermia treatment. At the forefront of industry

innovation and service, CSZ is a co-founder of the Therapeutic Temperature Management Congress, an international consortium of leaders in patient temperature management solutions offering unrestricted educational grant opportunity. Please visit www.cszinc.com and www.cszmedical.com to learn more about CSZ and CSZ Medical. More on the TTM Congress is available at www.ttmcongress.net.

About Premier Inc., 2006 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Recipient

Serving more than 2,000 U.S. hospitals and 50,000 other healthcare sites, the Premier healthcare alliance and its members are transforming healthcare together. Owned by not-for-profit hospitals, Premier operates one of the leading healthcare purchasing networks and the nation's most comprehensive repository of hospital clinical and financial information. A subsidiary operates one of the nation's largest policy-holder-owned, hospital professional-liability risk-retention groups. A world leader in helping healthcare providers deliver dramatic improvements in care, Premier is working with the United Kingdom's National Health Service North West and the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to improve hospital performance. Headquartered in San Diego, Premier has offices in Charlotte, N.C, Philadelphia, and Washington. For more information, visit www.premierinc.com.

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