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You Should Know

Erlanger Awards Bid to Walden Security

Following an extensive bid process, Walden Security was notified today that it has been awarded the bid to provide comprehensive security services for the Erlanger Health System. This recommendation will be presented to Erlanger's Budget and Finance Board Committee on March 21, and the full board for final approval on March 24.

Following approval by the Erlanger Board of Trustees, the transition to Walden Security is expected to occur in May. Current Erlanger security officers, who have provided dedicated service to our operation, will be given the opportunity to apply for employment with Walden Security.

Walden Security was selected following a recommendation from an interdisciplinary review panel of doctors, nurses and executives. Erlanger's foremost goal during this review process was a commitment to the safety and security of its patients, employees, physicians and visitors. Not only did Walden Security meet the specifications outlined in the bid proposal, but its hiring model also ensures Erlanger a staffing complement that includes armed officers and officers with arrest capabilities. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Department will also be working in coordination with Walden Security for ongoing training and support of our security officers.

This contract with Walden Security is similar to Erlanger's current service partnerships with Sodexo, for our nutrition and food service operation; Med-Trans, for our Life Force air ambulance fleet, and PHNS for our information technology services.

Walden Security has extensive experience and a national reputation. Erlanger will become one of Walden's many leading clients, including Volkswagen of America in Chattanooga, the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Redstone Arsenal and Fort Hood and Fort Polk military installations. Walden Security is locally-based, and is the nation's 15th largest contract security firm, with more than 3000 armed and unarmed security professionals in 26 states.