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LeanPath Awarded U.S. Patent for Food Waste Tracking System

Patent protects systems and methods used by foodservice and hospitality operations to minimize food waste and reduce food costs

Portland, Ore. – LeanPath, Inc. (www.leanpath.com), the leader in food waste tracking systems, today announced U.S. Patent 7,415,375 was issued to the company for “Systems and Methods for Food Waste Monitoring.” The developments covered by the patent play a central role in LeanPath’s ValuWaste® System, including the ValuWaste Tracker terminal and ValuWaste Advantage Reporting Software.

At the time of its release in 2005, LeanPath’s ValuWaste System became the first available solution in a brand-new foodservice technology category: food waste tracking tools. Since the commercial launch, ValuWaste tools have been deployed by foodservice and hospitality environments in 22 U.S. States and LeanPath remains the category leader. The issuance of U.S. Patent 7,415,375 recognizes the specialized tracking capabilities available only with the ValuWaste System.

Leading foodservice operators now recognize that food waste tracking is a best management practice to reduce costs and enhance sustainability. By tracking waste, operators raise staff awareness, create accountability at all levels, and provide chefs with information to reduce food waste in the future. LeanPath makes tracking quick, easy, and practical to do by using the now-patented ValuWaste System.

“LeanPath built the category for food waste tracking systems and methods from scratch starting almost five years ago and we’re excited that this patent recognizes the proprietary innovations underlying our ValuWaste System,” says Andrew Shakman, LeanPath CEO. “We are also very encouraged that more and more foodservice operators understand that food waste tracking is the key to reducing food waste at the source and lowering food costs.”

About LeanPath, Inc.

LeanPath, Inc. (www.leanpath.com) is a technology company providing food waste tracking tools to the foodservice industry. The company's core offering, the ValuWaste® program, is a proprietary, comprehensive waste minimization toolkit and program that helps foodservice

operators reduce food waste, save food dollars and operate more sustainable facilities. ValuWaste includes data collection terminals, which are used to track pre-consumer food waste, a software application, which provides a detailed portrait of the waste stream, and training and coaching that enable chefs and front-line teams to proactively reduce waste. LeanPath partners with leading foodservice organizations at sites in more than 22 U.S. states with customers including ARAMARK, Sodexo, Compass Group, Guckenheimer and MGM Mirage. For additional information about LeanPath or its products contact the company by email at info@leanpath.com or by phone at (877) 620-6512.

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