



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
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To: All Local Housing Authority Executive Directors
 From: Lizbeth Heyer, Associate Director, Division of Public Housing & Rental Assistance
 Subject: Replacement of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors
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In 2006, carbon monoxide detectors were purchased in bulk by DHCD and distributed to LHAs as needed. These CO detectors have a life cycle of 7 years and are now coming to the end of their expected life. Time is of the essence in addressing the need for replacement.

We are pleased to be able to provide the cost of CO detectors as an operating budget DHCD-directed exemption. The funding for this exemption is a direct result of cost savings from federalization and sustainability measures. The exemption is available to both subsidized and retained revenue housing authorities. If the current budget has been approved, a revised budget must be submitted by the 11th month of the current budget year to include the directed exemption and the cost in Account 4420, Materials & Supplies.

To be able to take advantage of this initiative, **LHAs must purchase the detectors no later than June 30, 2013.** For reimbursement after purchase, LHAs must send correspondence to their Housing Management Specialist stating the actual costs, the purchase date, and the number of units that had CO detectors replaced. Note, CO detectors are inventoried items in the Capital Planning System (CPS), and CPS should be updated after installation.

Rather than a bulk purchase and distribution from DHCD, LHAs will purchase the units independently. LHAs may select any model of CO detectors and can procure them individually. However for your convenience, DHCD researched the current market for the new CO detectors. DHCD is recommending the use of the Kidde Model 9C05-LP CO detector. The 9C05-LP CO detector features a 10 year life span with a 10 year limited manufacturer's warrantee; this model requires 3 AA batteries, included with purchase. Potential qualified vendors were selected from the COMM-PASS FAC76 contract list; of the 21 vendors solicited for quotes, the three lowest quotes are listed below. There is also an approved equal BRK product (model CO400B) that also features a 10 year life and 10 year warrantee that may also be available from the vendors listed below.

Vendor	Model Available	Quoted Price/Unit	Contact Person	Contact Phone Number
Northeast Electric	Kidde Model 9C05-LP	\$11.73	Ed Slowe	781-401-8511
Granite City Electric (SOMWBA certified WBE)	Kidde Model 9C05-LP	\$12.30	Bruce Holbrook	508-638-0236
Gexpro	Kidde Model 9C05-LP	\$12.43	Sharon Srabian	781-224-3677

If you chose one of these vendors, please submit an order for delivery for the required number of CO detectors with one of the three listed.

If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Beineke at DHCD at 617-573-1228 or aaron.beineke@state.ma.us.