What's the best software for my company?

Selecting software for your new company is a personal decision and one you should research thoroughly before making a decision. There is a huge variety of technology available to the delivery industry, some quite expensive while others require minimal investments. There are even some web-based systems that charge on a per-use basis.Your decision will depend on the features and capabilities you need.

To help courier company owners with their technology decisions, we published "Courier Industry Dispatch Technology Review" in our July/September 2005 issue. I think you would find this article very helpful in determining which features you'd like to have and the associated costs.

For each product or service discussed, we provide answers to such questions as:
- What size company is the software geared to?
- Which phone systems or handheld products does it interface with?
- Does it accept Internet orders?
- How does it customize pricing?
- What are the computer requirements?
                                                          … and much more!

If you are a *Courier Magazine* subscriber, look back for that issue. If not, you should be! Our publication is dedicated to bringing delivery business owners the most relevant news and information necessary to run your business successfully. We provide marketing, operational and general business tips as well as giving you the most current news on technology, insurance and products. Our annual subscription fee brings you six information-packed issues as well as our industry Resource Guide and access to the Subscriber Only section of our website. In addition, as a subscriber, you will automatically be included in the "Find a Courier" feature on our Courier Magazine website. This feature enables anyone looking for a shipping partner in your area to find you easily. You can click here to subscribe or call toll free: 800-414-8016.

You can request a copy of "Courier Industry Dispatch Technology Review" by calling our office (800-414-8016) or by clicking here. You can also access a list of technology vendors through our Buyer's Guide.

Another good way to find answers to your software and other questions is to join our Yahoo! Couriers Discussion Group. (It's free!) It is a great way to get ideas and opinions from those in the business. Once your membership has been approved, you can browse through the many discussions that have transpired – there have been plenty of discussions about software! – or post questions of your own.

Good luck and thank you for contacting *Courier Magazine*!

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