

DIRECT BUY PROGRAM COST RENTAL PROGRAM COST Daily Wear (11 sets) Daily Wear (8 sets) contracted @ @ \$65/set \$520/ee (rental + laundry) Custom Set Up Fees (\$4.5ea) Size Change Fee (8%) Service Charge (10%) \$520 per employee / year Fuel Charge (3%) Loss/Damage Charges (4/ee) \$870 per employee / year

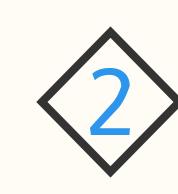


In times of market flux, RPS' direct-buy program has proven effective to be able to quickly adapt production up or down. No longer do you have to rely on excess stock to get workers to work during hiring surges, as RPS offers "just in time" manufacturing. Clients only pay for what you need and when you come back with an acquisition or merger, RPS can convert stock to match new branding with ease.



In the event of an economic downturn, users are locked into a long term laundering service contract and if you are forced to downsize labor force, employers will continue to pay for services and costs associated with the original contracted number of uniforms. You can feel trapped by rental contracts that are difficult to get out of. Taxing and expensive garment changes can be expected during times of acquisitions/mergers







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PPE technology is at work every day. Advances and market development in FR fabrics means safer and more comfortable products for the wearer. When higher-performing fabrics and more functional patterns are introduced to the industry, you will have the opportunity to timely transition to bestin-class work apparel without waste.



The industrial sector has ever-changing uniform needs as regulatory requirements change and end-user needs evolve. Rental contracts lock clients into outdated and antiquated garment technology that can be considered inferior to wearers. Workers can feel their employer is not invested in market protection and comfort PPE enhancements.







INVENTORY



purchasing of uniforms, this expense does not have to be prepaid, but rather can be spread with strictly managed employee garment allocations. RPS' highly sophisticated forecasting strategy reduces both overproducing and making the client responsible for stock they don't need, as well as underproducing and not being able to outfit staff to go to work.



which results in waste to the customer. Laundry services require X clean uniforms, with X undergoing the cleaning process, and I uniform to be worn by the worker, in stock at all times. This is a high number of garments per worker, considering headcount changes are not managed fluidly to match what is in the pipeline.

uniforms per employee for added margin,









allows workers to order, as they are getting

off their shift, to have their uniforms waiting to go to work next, where they need them. The number of uniforms allocated to workers remains constant and does not duplicate depending on assignment.



relocation, distance or other circumstances. When this happens, uniforms are not laundered and employees do not have clean garments to wear (or wash themselves), but employers pay for the services anyway, hence more waste.

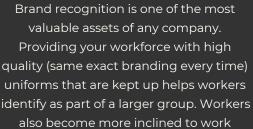
cannot get to the drop off point due to







The rental business model tends to push the limit on the time garments are used



together and are most engaged in the uniforms their own.



protection of the garment. Laundry services benefit when garments are kept in service longer.



RPS works with employers to determine how to get the lowest cost-of-ownership with each garment in the uniform program. Employees will then be allocated according





GARMENTS

to these group rules and enforcement of the

program comes by placing responsibility on workers to maintain and care for garments. Corporate stewardship is championed and spend is capped by not allowing abuse of the program.



replacement surcharges when garments

are lost or damaged. Employees typically

do not take as good of care of rental

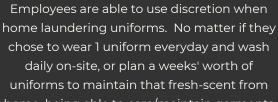
garments due to little accountability. This

can get expensive quickly, and is only as good as the management of the program. These subjective and non-budgeted fees usually result in employer surprise.



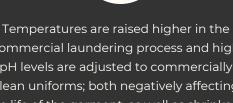






daily on-site, or plan a weeks' worth of uniforms to maintain that fresh-scent from home, being able to care/maintain garments to meet personal standards is important to employee satisfaction and pride. Home laundering puts low-stress on garments and reduces cross-contamination.

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commercial laundering process and high pH levels are adjusted to commercially clean uniforms; both negatively affecting the life of the garment, as well as shrinkage control. Commercial laundry services wash by the pound so abrasion on fabrics becomes a factor to the life of the garment. The biggest worker complaint is crosscontamination.

