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### **Bartell Drug, Pharmitas join in meth fight**

Bartell Drug and Pharmitas Inc. said they're working together to implement a new software and database system that will manage the sale of nonprescription drugs used to make methamphetamine.

Seattle-based Bartell Drug Co. said it will use a system developed by the Bellevue tech company known as SudaScan, which will identify and track the sale of over-the-counter cough and cold products containing pseudoephedrine, ephedrine and phenylpropanolamine.

State officials were pleased that the system will alert law enforcement officers and identify offenders in the fight against manufacture of the illegal drug.

"An electronic log is a crucial next step in effectively tackling the methamphetamine epidemic in Washington and throughout the U.S. We support the implementation of an electronic system that aids law enforcement personnel with their drug programs and duties," said Rob McKenna, state attorney general, in a statement.