

Question 1: Regarding highlighted areas below.

Why have you requested the following oxygen flowmeter with salient characteristics that only one manufacturer can provide, are more expensive than the standard flowmeter, and not typically used Hospital wide? **Answer provided in red below**

2.2.1 Oxygen Select Flowmeter

Specifications/Salient Characteristics:

- 0-15 LPM with 50 PSI take off
- Increments: 0.5 LPM from 0 to 15 LPM;
- Accuracy: ± 0.25 LPM from .5 to 5 LPM; ± 0.5 LPM from 5 to 15 LPM
- Flush Flow: 60-80 LPM
- Backflow compensated
- Chrome plated brass body
- Shatter resistant polycarbonate Thorpe tube
- Allows for connection of 3 devices from a single flowmeter (**Characteristic now states "Allows for connection of a minimum of 2 devices from a single flowmeter"; Please see revised SOW**)
- Flow directions, with a minimum of 2 male tubing barbs and one DISS outlet (**Characteristic now states "Flowmeter compatible with DISS"**)
- Wall connection: DISS
- 2 year warranty

Regarding highlighted below.

Question 2:

Why are you asking for a 0-15 LPM flowmeter, but call out click stop to 40 LPM?

Flow rates 1-15 lpm will be acceptable (click stops up to 15)

Question 3:

Why do you request "Click Stop" or Dial Air Flowmeters when you're requesting the standard Thorp (Tube) Style in 2.2.1 above? Wouldn't you want them both to operate in the same way to reduce confusion with your staff?

Thorpe tube is acceptable but click stop is preferred.

Question 4:

Why have you requested an air flowmeter that "Allows for multiple..." & "Two male tubing..."? **The characteristic stating "Allows for multiple treatment options from one gas source" has been removed. The characteristic "Two male tubing barbs and one DISS outlet" has been changed to now state "Flowmeter compatible with DISS". Please see revised SOW attached for changes.**

Question 5:

What “Attaches to the outlet of any standard flowmeter”? Not sure what this means.

This statement has been removed from the salient characteristics. Please see revised SOW attached for changes.

2.2.2 Air Flowmeter

Specifications/Salient Characteristics:

- 0-15 LPM with 50 PSI power take off
- 0-15 LPM with combination click stops (0. ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30 & 40) or **(Characteristic now states “1-15 lpm with combination click stops (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15”)**
- Click stop only (0. ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30 & 40)
- Ergonomic Dial-a-Flow dial
- Bullet proof light weight polycarbonate **(Characteristic now states “Shatter resistant polycarbonate Thorpe tube”; Please see revised SOW attached)**
- Flow indicator gives visual confirmation of low
- Wall connection: DISS
- **Allows for multiple treatment options from one gas source (This statement has been removed from salient characteristics. Please see revised SOW attached)**
- **Attaches to the outlet of any standard flowmeter** ←not sure what this means **(This statement has been removed from the salient characteristics. Please see revised SOW attached)**
- **Two male tubing barbs and one DISS outlet(Characteristic now states “Flowmeter compatible with DISS”)**

Question 6:

Are our standard 0-15 lpm thorpe style flowmeters (industry standard) an acceptable alternative if the solicitation is not amended?

Thorpe style is acceptable.