

VA244-16—Q-1956

CLARIFICATIONS

1) How are proposals to be submitted? (your email address? Hardcopy mailed to a specific address listed on ? or other acquisition system?)

Answer: Proposals / Quotes can be emailed to my attention at [andrea.aultman-smith@va.gov](mailto:andrea.aultman-smith@va.gov)

2) We understand the FAR Clause (10) 52.211-6, Brand Name or Equal (1999). Is in effect. However no brand name is listed throughout the solicitation. That said is quite evident reading B.2 PRICE/COST SCHEDULE that the Stryker S3 Med/Surg Bed is desired as all the Model number coincide with Local Stock Numbers listed in your schedule. Is the VA looking for ONLY the Stryker S3 or are comparable brands with the similar features acceptable for bidding?

Answer: Brand Name or equal are being acceptable.

a) Furthermore the manufacturer, Stryker, has two existing SDVOSB resellers and will not provide quotes to anyother CVE SDVOSB vendors. This greatly reduces competition, fairness, and ultimately degrades the buying power to the US gov't.

Answer - The solicitation is a brand name or equivalent requirement, thus not limiting offers to one manufacturer.