

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

### Walkers (Pick-up & Rollators) for In Home Use

**NOTICE OF ACTION:** This is a Request for Information (RFI) Only. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of Acquisition Operations, Strategic Acquisition Center (SAC) is seeking potential Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) and Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB) vendors capable of providing Walkers (Pick-up & Rollators) for In Home Use to the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). This RFI is for a Commercial-Off-the-Shelf (COTS) product that will potentially meet future VA requirements.

VHA Prosthetic Clinical Management Program (PCMP) has identified Walkers (Pick-up & Rollators) for In Home Use as a uniform preferred product for continued consolidated contracting. The purpose of consolidated contracting is to obtain user uniformity and quality products at competitive prices. This standardization initiative is in accordance with VHA's PCMP Charter signed by the Under Secretary for Health on February 9, 2001.

These Walkers (pick-up & rollators) for In Home Use are intended for individuals that need additional support to maintain balance or stability while walking. (See Annex 1, Minimum Technical Requirements (MTRs), for further information on the intended specifications.) These MTRs are based on a medical need and are not geared towards a specific brand or manufacturer.

**INFORMATION REQUESTED:** Interested parties should submit a Capability Statement no more than **seven (7)** pages that provides the following information:

#### 1. Business Size:

Type of Business of Prime Contractor (Check all applicable boxes)	
Large	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small (check type of Small Business below, if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Disadvantaged Business (SBA Certified)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Women-Owned Small Business	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> HUB Zone Small Business (SBA Certified)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran Owned Small Business*	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business*	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> 8(a) Small Business (SBA Certified)	<input type="checkbox"/>

\*If SDVOSB or VOSB indicate if your company is certified in VAs VetBiz ([www.vip.vetbiz.gov](http://www.vip.vetbiz.gov)) repository.

2. Any current or historical contracts related to this requirement:

- a. Contract Number
- b. Contract Type
- c. Total Contract Value
- d. Period of Performance
- e. Brief Project Requirement Description
- f. Prime or subcontractor

Small Business concerns are encourage to reply to this posting.

The Government intends to use one of the following the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code: 339112: Surgical and Medical Instrument Manufacturing.

However, if this is not the most applicable code to classify this requirement please suggest a more appropriate code.

The Government need to know the **TAA compliance** of the products detailed in the capability statements and if your company is a **Manufacturer** or **Distributor** of the products.

RESPONSES: Responses are due via email to Mr. Hector J. Hernandez, Contract Specialist, [hector.hernandez2@va.gov](mailto:hector.hernandez2@va.gov) and Ms. Dawn E. Montgomery, Contract Specialist, [dawn.montgomery@va.gov](mailto:dawn.montgomery@va.gov) **no later than 1:00 p.m. EDT, September 7, 2017.**

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DISCLAIMER: This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes only and does not constitute a solicitation, however responses will be used to formulate the Government’s strategy for this acquisition. All information received in response to this RFI that is marked as proprietary will be handled accordingly. In accordance with FAR 15.201(e), responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract. Responders are solely responsible for all expenses associated with responding to this RFI. Therefore, the Government recommends vendors submit electronic versions of documentation, white papers, and other relevant information. The Government is not obligated to provide comments to vendor submissions.

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**Annex 1****Minimum Technical Requirements (MTR)**

<b>Group One</b>	
Walker, Folding (Pick-Up), Adult, Adjustable (E0135)	
MTR 1	Height Adjustable – For average adult
MTR 2	Folding
MTR 3	Shall use a locking mechanism when open
MTR 4	Padded hand grips, non - porous, easily disinfected
MTR 5	Weight capacity $\geq$ 250 lbs.
MTR 6	Manufactured from non-corrosive materials
MTR 7	Total weight of walker is $\leq$ 8 lbs.
Required Accessories/Options	
MTR 8	Tray /Cup Holder
MTR 9	Platform walker attachment capability:
MTR 9a	Weight capacity $\geq$ 250 lbs.
MTR 9b	Padded Hand grips, non-porous, easily disinfected & adjust quickly and easy w/o tools for different user settings
MTR 10	Leg Extensions (accommodate height up to 6'4")

<b>Group Two</b>	
Walker, Folding (Pick-Up), Adult, Adjustable Front Wheels w/o Seat (E0143)	
MTR 1	Height Adjustable – For average adult
MTR 2	Folding
MTR 3	Shall use a locking mechanism when open
MTR 4	Padded hand grips, non-porous, easily disinfected
MTR 5	Weight capacity $\geq$ 250 lbs.
MTR 6	Manufactured from non-corrosive materials
MTR 7	Total weight of walker is $\leq$ 8 lbs.
MTR 8	Minimum diameter of front wheels is $\geq$ 4 inches
Required Accessories/Options	
MTR 9	Tray /Cup Holder
MTR 10	Rear Post Gliders
MTR 11	Glide Brakes (Rear Wheels)
MTR 12	Platform walker attachment capability:
MTR 12a	Weight capacity $\geq$ 250 lbs.
MTR 12b	Padded Hand grips, non-porous, easily disinfected & adjust quickly and easy w/o tools for different user settings
MTR 13	Leg Extensions to accommodate height up to 6'4"

<b>Group Three</b>	
Walker Folding, Wheeled with Posterior Seat, Adult, Adjustable (Rollator) (VA195)	
MTR 1	Height Adjustable – for up to 5’11” – no tools required (capable of adapting, being made suitable for a particular use)
MTR 2	Folding
MTR 3	4 Wheels with minimum 6” diameter
MTR 4	Padded hand grips, non-porous, easily disinfected
MTR 5	Weight capacity >= 250 lbs.
MTR 6	Manufactured from non-corrosive materials
MTR 7	Seat has back support or strap
MTR 8	Hand controlled brake mechanism for rear wheels
MTR 9	Seat height of 22” +/- 2 inch
MTR 10	Seat width of 17” +/- 2 inch
MTR 11	Seat material is non porous, easily disinfected
Required Accessories/Options	
MTR 12	Basket/Bag
MTR 13	Oxygen Tank Holder
MTR 14	Extensions to accommodate height up to 6’4”

<b>Group Four</b>	
Walker Folding, Wheeled with Posterior Seat, Adult, Adjustable, Heavy Duty, (Rollator) (VA196)	
MTR 1	Height Adjustable – for up to 5’11” – no tools required (capable of adapting, being made suitable for a particular use)
MTR 2	Folding
MTR 3	4 Wheels with minimum 6” diameter
MTR 4	Padded hand grips, non-porous, easily disinfected
MTR 5	Weight capacity >= 450 lbs.
MTR 6	Manufactured from non-corrosive materials
MTR 7	Seat has back support or strap
MTR 8	Hand controlled brake mechanism for rear wheels
MTR 9	Seat height of 22” +/- 2 inch
MTR 10	Seat width of 18” +/- 2 inch
MTR 11	Seat material is non porous, easily disinfected
Required Accessories/Options	
MTR 12	Basket/Bag
MTR 13	Oxygen Tank Holder
MTR 14	Extensions to accommodate height up to 6’4”

Group Five	
Walker, Folding (Pick-Up), Front Wheels, Adult, Adjustable, Heavy Duty (E0149)	
MTR 1	Height Adjustable – For average adult
MTR 2	Folding
MTR 3	Shall use a locking mechanism when open
MTR 4	Padded hand grips, non-porous, easily disinfected
MTR 5	Weight capacity $\geq$ 450 lbs.
MTR 6	Manufactured from non-corrosive materials
MTR 7	Total weight of walker is $\leq$ 8 lbs.
MTR 8	Minimum diameter of front wheels is $\geq$ 4inches
Required Accessories/Options	
MTR 9	Tray /Cup Holder
MTR 10	Rear Post Gliders
MTR 11	Glide Brakes (Rear Wheels)
MTR 12	Platform walker attachment capability:
MTR 12a	Weight capacity $\geq$ 250 lbs.
MTR 12b	Padded Hand grips, non-porous, easily disinfected & adjust quickly and easy w/o tools for different user settings
MTR 13	Leg Extensions to accommodate height up to 6'4"
MTR 14	Leg Extensions w/ standard (to make a standard walker)