

Solicitation No. VA256-17-Q-0549

Vendor Questions

1. Specification - "Patient Controls (including height of bed and head up and down) within the reach of the patient on both sides of bed and easy to operate"

Question: Will this specification be expanded to allow for bed controls that allow patients to control Head of Bed and knee/foot end articulation only?

Yes, requirement for the Patient Controls to include height of bed has been removed.

2. Specification - "A fully charged battery should last 2-hour minimum".

Question: Will this specification be expanded to allow for a MedSurg bed which has battery backup OR the ability to lower the head of bed manually?

The requirement for the backup battery has been removed.

3. Specification - "Battery back-up must engage automatically or be easily labeled and accessible."

Question: Will this specification be expanded to allow for a MedSurg bed which has battery backup OR the ability to lower the head of bed manually?

The requirement for the backup battery has been removed.

4. Specification - "The bed shall provide battery back-up function to control bed height (if not able to do so manually), position (head up and down), and length in the event of power failure."

Question: Will this specification be expanded to allow for a MedSurg bed which has battery backup OR the ability to lower the head of bed manually?

The requirement for the backup battery has been removed.

5. Specification - "All positioning features (head up, knee gatch, sitting) must be electric and available with battery back-up."

Question: Will this specification be expanded to allow for a MedSurg bed which has battery backup OR the ability to lower the head of bed manually?

The requirement for the backup battery has been removed.

6. Casters & Brakes:

Minimum of 6'' Casters and/or drive system: Would 5'' dual casters be acceptable ? With the latest technology and design, our Ook-Snow bed needs 3x less force to move it than the competitor's frame. Even with a 500 lbs weight on the bed, the force required to move the Ook-Snow bed is 12 lbs which is inferior than the competitor's frame without any weight on it. Would this solution be accepted instead of drive system?

No, minimum requirement for Casters is 6'.

7. Patient Scale

The scale shall have an accuracy of no more than +/- 3% of the patient's actual weight from 100 to 500 lbs. Would the total weight capacity (total weight includes: mattress, accessories and patient) from 100 to 500 lbs instead of patient's actual weight be acceptable?

No, must hold 500lb patient not including mattress.

8. Additional Safety Features

The bed shall feature local alarms that alert the caregiver both visually and/or audibly if the bed's safety features are not set such as lights on or under the foot of the bed to indicate that safety features are engaged as set by the caregiver such as - bed exit alarm status (with a reminder to reset the bed alarm if it is disengaged), 30 Degree head of bed, side rail position, low bed height, and brake settings.

In an effort to reduce alarm fatigue for nursing staff, we have developed alternate solutions to prevent non necessary audible alarm.

Here are our features, could you please confirm that those options are acceptable:

Bed exit alarm: audible alarm plus bed exit sideview lights

30 Degrees HOB: Angle indicator on side rails and master lock feature

Siderail position: Visual indicator (green = safe position, red = unlock position). Also, I-Inform feature on the footboard screen shows the siderail configuration that should be in position.

Low bed height: Height of bed displayed on foot board plus master lock function to lock the patient and nurse control. This function is protected by a password. Also the low height is adjustable from 10'' to 16''.

Brake setting: Visual indicator that is easily visible from a doorway

Please refer to Additional Safety Features section of Specific Bed Requirement.

9. Accessories

Oxygen Tank Holders (H size tank): Could you please confirm the H size tank? (Dimension of H size: D: 9in, H: 52in weight 114 lbs) We see more often the E size tank.

The requirement for the Oxygen Tank Holders has been changed to E size tank.

Must supply one overhead trapeze bar for every 3 beds purchased that can be moved from one bed to another by end user: Please confirm the quantity needed for the 115 beds.

Minimum of 38

10. Side Rails

The side rails (dimensions and gaps between) must comply with IEC/EN 60601-2-52 Standard for Medical Beds. Should we understand that the bed should be compliant with the 7 zones entrapment recommended by the FDA?

Yes

11. What is the anticipated date of award?

On or before September 30, 2017.

12. Is this for a bedframe only?

Yes

13. Is the facility planning to utilize existing mattresses? If yes, what model and size?

Yes, Sizewise 35x84

14. Is powered transport required?

No

15. Is a built in powered bed extender required (extension without tools)?

Powered is not required, but must extend and contract without tools.

16. Is an illuminated touch screen GCI required?

No, controls must be backlit

17. Is a motion activated nightlight required?

No

18. Is a motion activated siderail light handgrip required for patient safety (new technology)?

No

19. Is an illuminated patient pendant required?

No

20. Are verbal safety prompts required?

No

21. Does the ability to monitor bed safety status for all patient regardless of the bed exit status (on or off) required?

Yes

22. Is a feature that prevents patient migration required?

Yes

23. Is bed exit silence required?

No

24. Is bed exit silence with the option to add 1 or 5 minutes of silence required?

No

25. Is bed exit auto reset required?

No

26. Does the ability to leverage 35 data points through smart bed technology required?

No

27. Is a stand assist feature required?

Yes

28. Is a touch screen with a built-in in-service guide required?

No

29. Is a scale that will prevent zeroing with a patient on the bed required?

No

30. Is USB charging required?

No

31. Is an active nurse call (only visible when connected to live nurse call) control required?

No

32. Are personalized patient comfort settings through the patient pendant required?

Head of Bed and Knee adjustments are required along with TV settings and call light.

33. Is an upgradeable 40" width option required?

No