

Hospital Beds Requirement
Sources Sought - 36C77619Q00216
Questions/Answers (Additional Questions)

32. Please clarify the government's need for tuck-away side rails, an extremely specific and proprietary requirement. It our assumption that the tuck-away side rails are intended to reduce patient transfer gap, however, the term "tuck-away" is proprietary to a specific Vendor.

In my market research, I found that several vendors offer tuck-away side rails, therefore it is not proprietary.

33. Please detail the purpose of the Stay Put bed frame. "Stay put" is a proprietary term to a specific Vendor.

Stay put bed frame can be replaced with Immobile bedframe.

34. Please define the word buckling. Buckling is not an industry standard term used.

Buckling – is a term used to describe material under presser or strain that bends or gives way.

35. Please confirm the desired warranty period.

The desired warranty period is for the life of the Contract.

36. "Must not have horizontal or lateral movement of bed mattress deck" and "Must have a 40-degree full body turn capability" are both exclusive and proprietary to a specific vendor.

"Must not have horizontal or lateral movement of bed mattress deck" can be replaced with immobile bed mattress.

The requirement *"Must have a 40-degree full body turn capability"* is necessary to service Veterans and will remain a requirement.