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**MEMORANDUM FOR MICC-Fort Drum**

**SUBJECT: Brand Name Exact Match Memo for Special Operations Mountain Warfare Training Center Mountain Equipment.**

1. The equipment requested in this purchase must be exact to the requested brands. This equipment is replenishing life-cycled extreme cold weather instructor-specific Special Operations Mountain Warfare Training Center (SOMWTC) safety equipment. As the lead component for Mountain Warfare to USSOCOM, SOMWTC requires uniformly identifiable, durable, and high-quality safety equipment in order to enable instructors to conduct advanced skills development of SOCOM mountain operators in extreme cold weather environments.
2. The equipment requested has been validated to meet all SOF Mountain Warfare safety requirements by SOMWTC as prescribed by USSOCOM 350-34, USASOC 350-12, and the SOMWTC Program of Instruction (POI).
3. The brands within the request were chosen specifically due to their exact technical specifications to mitigate risk of conducting frequent operations in extreme cold weather environments while testing new technologies and equipment. Instructors currently without this critical safety equipment are unable to perform their required duties in such unforgiving environments, which presents a critical safety risk. Using substitute brands would negate the safety requirements while also preventing the testing of specific equipment that may be implemented into future SOF Mountain programs.
4. For the reasons listed above, the SOMWTC requests that the items associated with this request are bought to the exact specifications and brands as listed.
5. If there are any questions, please contact the Contracting Officer at [usarmy.drum.accmicc.mbx.micc@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.drum.accmicc.mbx.micc@mail.mil)

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