



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**U.S. ARMY MISSION AND INSTALLATION CONTRACTING COMMAND**  
**925TH CONTINGENCY CONTRACTING BATTALION**  
**31 QUARTERMASTER ROAD**  
**FORT DRUM, NY 13602-5220**

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MEMORANDUM FOR MICC-Fort Drum

FROM: Homeland Defense Civil Support Office, MSCoE, ATTN: Daniel L. Holloway, 14010 MSCoE Loop, Suite 3629, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri 65473

SUBJECT: Brand Name Exact Match Memo for FedBid Buy to purchase CMC Rescue Kits for confine spaces for our Urban Search and Rescue training

1. The Homeland Defense (HD/CSO) office is charged by Department of the Army to train and certify units to take on the CBRNE Response Enterprise (CRE) mission here in the homeland. One of the courses taught by the HD/CSO is the Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) course. Part of this involves training units how to operate in confine space in order to move, raise or lower patients, equipment and debris during rescue operations in a rubble environment. The Rescue Kit for confine spaces is specifically designed with this capability in mind. The CMC rescue kit is part of the equipment set issued to the units going on the CRE mission. We require two more for our training needs do to increase student and course loads and without them we could find ourselves in a position where we could have training lags due to lack of equipment at this point. The item is an exact match to the equipment issued in the equipment sets and will give the units/soldiers the best understanding of what the equipment looks like and how it works and operates. This training is dangerous do to the environment, degree of angles and rubble fields the students work in and it's follow on mission if needed, therefore it's imperative that we training each student on the equipment they will have a home station and will used in real life if ever needed. Same type equipment is available in the market place but the Army has went with the CMC brand and these soldiers will be better trained and knowledgeable of this equipment if trained on the same equipment they will see in their equipment sets. Furthermore, we already have a couple of kits on hand and purchasing a different brand would cause confusion both in the classroom and in the field. Using other equipment may get these students certified on their individual task but may lead to confusion at home station or during their collective training (part of their certification with their issued equipment from ARNORTH) which could lead to failure of the unit certifying for their assigned mission to protect the homeland if called upon.

2. Currently these kits are available in GSA but we currently do not have a contract in place for these items. At this time we need additional systems due to the increase in student and class loads. We cannot purchase the above mentioned items with our GPC, using the S2P2 program to purchase these our best course of action. If we cannot purchase these kits we will not be able to



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complete much of this required training (we are currently working 6 days a week 10 hour days while the course(s) are being conducted) required by our approved lesson plans and POI's. This could result in the inability to conduct training to standard or at worst cause the units or individuals to fail, creating a situation where improper training on this equipment caused injuries in a catastrophic event for which these units and personnel are being trained for.

3. As stated above the Army and HD/CSO currently use the CMC equipment to train and conduct search and rescue operations. Per our research we have found that there are several vendors who can provide CMC kits and we will make this an open solicitation in S2P2 to all that can provide the items above. We request to keep this product as part of our training set to keep students up to date on equipment they will receive and use from the Army.

4. For the reasons listed above, the Homeland Defense office requests that a brand name or particular item(s) purchase of these CMC rescue kits for confine space.

5. If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned at O: (573) 563-2910 or C: (573) 433-6501

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