

ENGINEERING, FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

Quality Assurance

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Recalls/Alert Notices

Attachment 2, paragraph 1, provides information on FDA medical equipment recalls and alerts. Personnel from clinical engineering, biomedical equipment maintenance, quality assurance, and safety should follow the guidance provided to ensure the effective maintenance and management of medical equipment. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

Safety Alert -- Infusion Pumps, MDC 13215, Space Saver Volumetric Infusion Pumps (1) Model 597, (2) Model 598, (3) Model 599, IVAC Medical Systems

Reference ECRI *Health Devices Alerts* Number 1996-A52, December 27, 1996, Accession No. A3159. ECRI reports that the manufacturer issued Service Bulletin 386A dated October 1996 to all known customers, providing revised tubing position labels for these pumps. The new labels contain a warning stating that improper loading of the infusion set may result in free flow. The new labels are easily distinguished from previous versions by the legend and larger size. Using activities should verify receipt of Service Bulletin 386A and revised labels from IVAC. Remove the existing label from affected units and replace it with the revised label. For additional labels or for further information, U.S. customers should contact IVAC at (800) 854-

7128 or at (619) 458-6003. (FOM, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

Medical Equipment Management

New Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) for Zoll Defibrillators

Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Special Services at AFMLO awarded a blanket purchase agreement (BPA) against the Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) for Zoll defibrillators, repair kits, and accessories (**Attachment 1**). FSS contract BPA's eliminate contracting and open market costs such as search for sources, the development of technical documents and solicitations, and the evaluation of bids and offers.

This BPA was negotiated in an attempt to arm you with additional procurement tools that would provide the lowest price available. Any government contracting official may place calls against this BPA by calling Physio-Control and referencing BPA #: V797(F1)P-BPA-97-00004. Your local contracting office can place calls against this BPA or you can forward your requirements to Mary Boyd, the DVA contracting officer at AFMLO. There is no surcharge for using this BPA and it is set up with tiered pricing by quantity ordered as follows:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Discount</u>
1-75	20%
76-125	24%
126-225	29%
226+	36%

This BPA *guarantees the lowest price* available to the government for these items. Several configurations are available, including airworthiness approved units. There are also provisions available to negotiate trade-in allowances for existing defibrillators. This BPA is

available for use by all Government agencies.
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Shared Procurement Equipment Items Currently Available

AFMLL 23/24-96, Attachment 1, pages 1 and 2, contains a list of all current Shared Procurement contracts and optional contracts available through the Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC). If you plan to order any of these items for your facility, use the specific ordering instructions and overall program guidance contained in AFMLL 04-96, pages CE-4 and CE-5. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

“Piggyback” Contracts Currently Available

AFMLL 16-96, Attachment 1, pages 4 and 5, contains a list of all current “piggyback” contracts currently available through DPSC. These contracts will allow facilities to “piggyback” requirements onto existing orders placed for specific quantities. Many of these contracts are designed to buy large quantities at reduced prices, and are written with the option of buying additional quantities at the same price. The list includes available quantities and “Order By” dates. To order, send your MILSTRIP requisitions to DPSC, and reference the contract number (from the listing) in the notes section. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

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