Single Source Certification

DATE: 02/26/2015

Authority is requested to make the following purchase under the provision of USF System Regulation USF4.02040(2)(b), as a non-competitive purchase available from only one source.

ITEM(S): Variable Angle Romain Chair (VARC): a) No Pelvic Restraint Belts, b) No Loops required to connect Pelvic Belt University/FEEMA Study Units.

PRICE: $79,950.00  FUND #: 20000

VENDOR ID: 0000064713  REQUISITION #: 0000234678

VENDOR NAME: Power Lift
Conner Athletic Products, Inc.

PURCHASE ORDER #: 

FEDERAL GRANT: [ ]

Describe the equipment, commodity or contractual service and how it is to be used. Provide the justification for the single source (note price cannot be used for justification). Attach additional pages if necessary.

Conner Athletic Products, Inc (doing business as Power-Lift) is the sole manufacturer and sole source distributor/supplier of the patented Variable Angle Romain Chair (VARC) machine (also known as the BackStrong machine).

The patented design of the VARC allows the machine to be adjusted to six angles - 0, 15, 30, 45, 60 and 75 degrees. This angle level adjustment mechanism allows progressive resistance exercise to be applied to the back muscles in a gradual manner. No other commercially-available incorporates this 5-angle progressive resistance exercise level mechanism.

FEMA, the sponsor of the USF study "Low back injury prevention in firefighters," has approved use of the VARC and its related back exercise protocols for this study.

[Signature]  3/27/15
Purchasing Agent  Date

[Signature]  3/30/15
Approved by:  Date

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