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Sole source justification for purchase of a flight treadmill test bed (1g) from Whitmore Enterprises. NASA is currently purchasing treadmills for flight use from this contractor who is the only designer/fabricator with experience in these devices in the Western world. Many of the features which make these units possible are proprietary to this contractor who has an unsurpassed record for quality delivery and cost. The present item which incorporates these treadmill features will be used in life and other tests of designs and features proprietary<sup>to</sup> and solely produced by this contractor. The device is deliverable in two weeks from stock including time for addition of several features. No other contractor exists with knowledge, fabrication capacity or access to knowledge of these devices, i.e., he is a true sole source.

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