As a Vice-president of Frio Co. ESD Board. I can see a great benefit in allowing replacement items such as cylinders to be purchased direct. This will definitely save money for our local fire departments not to mention tax money that could be used to better our fireman. Since all SCBA manufactures by from 3 sources and do not manufacture their own it is a redundancy. Furthermore, DOT requirements are met by all three cylinder manufacturers so there is no standards or quality issue.