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## RPPOB: REPLENISHMENT PARTS PURCHASE OR BORROW

DoD Manual [4140.01 \(PDF\)](#) Volume 9 allows contractors to buy or borrow part-numbered items to reverse engineer at their own expense. Contractors interested in the Reverse Engineering Program can submit their [Reverse Engineering Request](#) and we will get back to you in a timely manner.

The contractor will physically examine the item; produce drawings and specifications through technical analysis performed during the reverse engineering process, and provide same for review. The contractor and the Government agree when the borrowed part will be returned or a Source Approval Request (SAR) package will be provided to the Government.

Domestic business concerns may purchase, borrow, or view replenishment parts for the following purposes:

- Design replication, product improvement or modification, and alternate sourcing through product identification or reverse engineering practices;
- Development of data packages required to obtain approval to sell like parts to the Government; and,
- Enhance competition with resultant cost reduction by obtaining alternative sources of supply and manufacturing.

For **repeat customers**, please refer to the link below to access the Part Catalog and any service you need.

For more details please go to <https://www.dla.mil/Aviation/Offers/Engineering/RPPOB/>

# CONTRACTOR RETENTION OF SUPPLY CHAIN TRACEABILITY

DLA recently revised *Procurement Note C03, Contractor Retention of Supply Chain Traceability*; the note is included in all solicitations and awards in accordance with DLAD 4.703.

Summary of changes:

<i>paragraph (1)</i>	<i>paragraph (2)</i>	<i>paragraph (3)</i>
"Contractor" no longer excludes manufacturer	Added requirement for traceability to include the drawing or specification	Traceability is now required to be provided within three business days
Clarifies that traceability needs to show that the item conforms to technical requirements OR, when it is a part numbered item, is from an approved manufacturer	Traceability is now required to include manufacturer's batch identification for item(s), when available (changed from "should" to "shall")	Traceability must be retained for ten years (previously six)
	Moved and expanded on requirement for documentation of inspections and tests	

For reference, the full text of procurement note C03 is included below and can also be found in the DLAD at: [https://www.dla.mil/Portals/104/Documents/J7Acquisition/DLAD\\_REV-5withPGI\\_6-20-23.pdf](https://www.dla.mil/Portals/104/Documents/J7Acquisition/DLAD_REV-5withPGI_6-20-23.pdf).

## **C03 Contractor Retention of Supply Chain Traceability Documentation (JUN 2020)**

(1) By submitting a quotation or offer, the contractor is confirming it currently has, or will obtain before delivery, and shall retain supply chain traceability documentation, as described in paragraph (2) of this procurement note, demonstrating the item conforms to the technical requirements, and, for part numbered items, is from an approved manufacturer.

### **(2) Supply Chain Traceability Documentation**

(i) Supply chain traceability documentation shall include: basic item description; part number; drawing or specification; national stock number; manufacturing source; manufacturing source's Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code; and clear identification of the name and location of all supply chain intermediaries between the manufacturer to the contractor to Government acceptance.

(ii) Supply chain traceability documentation shall also include, when available, the manufacturer's batch identification for the item(s), such as date codes, lot codes, or serial numbers. For part numbered items, contractors can find examples of acceptable supply chain traceability documentation at the Counterfeit Detection and Avoidance Program (CDAP) website:

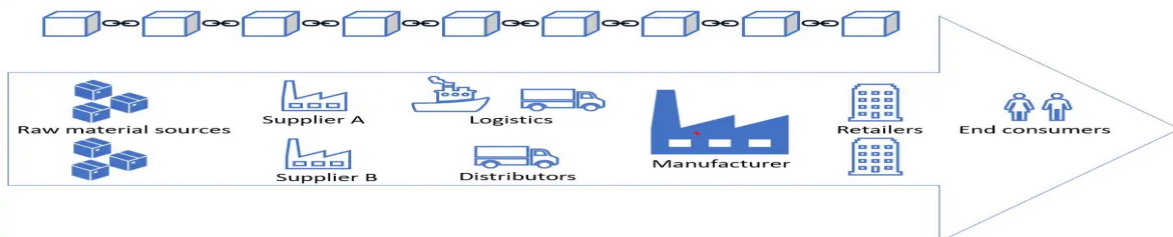
<http://www.dla.mil/LandandMaritime/Business/Selling/Counterfeit-Detection-AvoidanceProgram/>).

# CONTRACTOR RETENTION OF SUPPLY CHAIN TRACEABILITY (CONT.)

## (2) Supply Chain Traceability Documentation

(iii) In addition, the contractor will obtain, retain, and provide to the contracting officer written documentation of all inspections and tests necessary to substantiate that the supplies furnished under this contract conform to contract requirements, including any applicable technical requirements for specified manufacturers' parts. Such records shall include, without limitation, test reports, test data, material certification, and manufacturing process sheets, in addition to any other information identified in the technical specifications applicable to the item.

(3) The contractor shall make supply chain traceability documentation available to the contracting officer within three business days upon the contracting officer's request. The contracting officer determines the acceptability and sufficiency of documentation. The contractor shall retain supply chain traceability documentation for ten years after final payment under this contract for audit and other valid government purposes. If the contractor fails to retain or provide the documentation, or the contracting officer finds the documentation to be unacceptable, the contracting officer may take corrective action, including, but not limited to, cancellation of undelivered orders or rejection of delivered supplies.



## LAND SUPPLY CHAIN - "HOT" ITEMS LIST

Do you have parts on hand? Government surplus?  
Manufacturers' overruns?

DLA Land Supply Chain has posted a list of items that are urgently needed at: [Selling to DLA Land and Maritime](#)

We are looking for readily available and usable material. We are asking our industry partners to review this list and let us know if you have surplus, manufacturers' overruns, or residual inventory. The intent is to update this list monthly so please check back regularly.

Please submit inquiries to [FL.AvailMat@dla.mil](mailto:FL.AvailMat@dla.mil).



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## October 9-11, 2023

**[AUSA Annual Meeting & Expo](#):** The greatest land power exposition and professional development forum in North America is held each year during the Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting. The three-day Annual Meeting is intended to convey the Army's message by showcasing organizational strengths and showcasing a wide range of commercial goods and services. AUSA completes this mission during the whole event by offering engaging panel debates, and seminars on crucial military and national security topics, as well as several worthwhile networking events and exhibits open to all attendees. DLA Corporate Events booth #607.

## October 31 - November 3, 2023

**[NDTA Fall Meeting](#):** The NDTA Fall Meeting is a four-day annual event co-sponsored with USTRANSCOM that offers government and industry the chance to jointly identify and resolve logistics and transportation issues, learn about cutting-edge technologies, develop best practices, and forge professional and interpersonal relationships. The theme for this year, "*Advancing U.S. Power Projection with Allies & Partners*," considers the highly competitive global strategic environment and the need to exercise leadership in close coordination with allies and partners to provide the logistics and transportation capability and capacity to support U.S. national security interests on a global scale. DLA Corporate Events booth #313.

## December 18-21, 2023

**[DOD Maintenance Symposium](#):** The Symposium is the only DOD gathering that is exclusively dedicated to the maintenance of weapon systems and equipment. Defense maintenance and sustainment experts from government, business, and academia will meet in San Diego, California, to discuss the top DOD maintenance challenges through panels, presentations, and technical sessions that bring together professionals from the public, private, and governmental sectors. To accomplish the objectives outlined in the National Defense Strategy, the Department must be successful in its urgent and continuous readiness recovery path. DLA Corporate Events booth #1021.

Visit [DLA Events](#) for more information or for questions about the upcoming events **above**, use the event links or contact [corporateevents@dla.mil](mailto:corporateevents@dla.mil).

# DLA CAPSTONE EVENTS

- **November 15-17, 2023:** [DLA Troop Support Clothing and Textiles Joint Advanced Planning Brief for Industry \(JAPBI\)](#)
- **November 2023:** DLA/Industry Association Meeting – Demand Forecast
- **April 2024:** DLA Energy Worldwide Energy Conference
- **May 2024:** DLA Aviation Senior Executive Partnership Roundtable (SEPRT)
- [Small Business Outreach](#)
- [DLA Enterprise Industry Days](#)



# DLA APPLICATION RESOURCES

## DLA Internet Bid Board System

- [DLA Internet Bid Board System \(DIBBS\)](#): search for, view, and submit secure quotes on request for quotations for DLA items of supply.
- [DIBBS Frequently Asked Questions](#): A DIBBS frequently asked questions PDF has been posted to the [Supplier Information Resource Center](#) (SIRC). Additional questions can be sent to the DIBBS helpdesk at [DIBBSBSM@dla.mil](mailto:DIBBSBSM@dla.mil).
- [Accessing Technical Data through DIBBS - cFolders](#)
- DIBBS Helpdesks:
  - General DIBBS questions: [DIBBSBSM@dla.mil](mailto:DIBBSBSM@dla.mil)
  - DIBBS Validations: [DIBBS\\_Validation@dla.mil](mailto:DIBBS_Validation@dla.mil)
  - DIBBS Terms & Conditions Monitor: [DIBBS\\_TC\\_MONITOR@DLA.MIL](mailto:DIBBS_TC_MONITOR@DLA.MIL)

Suppliers are reminded that emails sent to the DIBBS Validations and Terms & Conditions Helpdesks are worked in the order received. To ensure prompt response time, please do not send multiple emails on the same subject. This can delay the response time. In some cases, it can take up to 24 hours to receive a response.

## DLA cFolders

- [DLA Collaboration Folders \(cFolders\)](#): contains Technical Data Packages (TDP)/BidSets and Engineering Data List (EDLs) for DLA procurements.
- For system access issues (login problems, password resets), call the DLA Enterprise Help Desk (EHD) at 1-855-352-0001.
- Access [cFolders directly](#) or via a quote or request for proposal (RFP) in [DIBBS](#).
- TDP/Bidset discrepancies such as illegible drawings or for issues such as incomplete documents, missing data, additional access (license agreement), etc., you must complete a customer service request at [DLA Product Data Management Division \(PDMD\) Customer Service](#).

Find more Web Apps for Business here: [DLA Application Resources](#)

