

## **DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY**

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## MEMORANDUM FOR DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY SUPPLIERS

SUBJECT: Improving Readiness – Upcoming DLA Industry Events

DLA is able to carry out its global mission as the Nation's Combat Logistics Support Agency largely due to our strong partnerships with Industry. We are committed to collaborating with our industrial base at all levels to meet the goals of the Agency, its suppliers, whole of government partners, and the Warfighter. DLA's early engagement, continuous communication, and exchange of information with all our industry partners, including new businesses, is critical for DLA becoming more operationally agile, innovative and cost effective.

In order to facilitate engagements, communication and exchange of ideas, DLA is hosting a number of industry focused events. All of these events will foster rapid integration of industry innovation leading to the greatest possible warfighter support.

I hope you will consider joining us at the following events:

a. <u>DLA Aviation</u> - Supplier Industry Day is an event where suppliers are invited to attend general and breakout sessions pertaining to Aviation related topics. They have the opportunity to learn about any major requirements changes that have taken place and get immediate feedback on any questions they may have. Our guests also have the opportunity to meet with operational personnel. The event will be held at DLA Aviation, Richmond Virginia, on May 15-16, 2018.

Webpage: http://www.dla.mil/Aviation/Business/IndustryResources/Events.aspx

b. <u>DLA Land & Maritime</u> - Supplier Conference & Exposition is a joint effort between the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) and DLA Land & Maritime to provide a forum for current and potential vendors to discuss future strategy, challenges and streamlining efforts to better support the Warfighter. The conference will be held at Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio, on June 19-20, 2018.

Webpage: http://www.dla.mil/AboutDLA/News/NewsArticleView/Article/1293111/2018 - supplier-conference/

c. <u>DLA Enterprise</u> - Industry Day event for suppliers that covers forecasts of DLA's FY19 business opportunities along with discussions of DLA's metrics, strategic vision, and updates on various acquisition reforms. Invitations will go out to select suppliers. The event will be held at DLA Headquarters, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, on September 19, 2018. The entire event will be recorded and made available for general distribution to all industry partners.

- d. <u>DLA Troop Support</u> Clothing & Textile's Joint Advanced Planning Brief for Industry (JAPBI) is an annual event for the Clothing & Textiles industry which includes our Military Service partners. Future requirements and business opportunities for clothing and individual equipment will be provided. The event will be held at a location in the Philadelphia area (location to be later announced around October or November 2018.) Webpage: http://www.dla.mil/TroopSupport/ClothingandTextiles/C-T-Industry/IndustryEvents/
- e. <u>DLA Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP)</u> In conjunction with the Virginia Procurement Technical Assistance Center, DLA OSBP will host a Training, Outreach and Networking event at the George Mason University, Founders Hall, Arlington VA. Event date being finalized. Webpage: http://www.dla.mil/HQ/SmallBusiness/
- f. <u>DLA Energy</u> The Worldwide Energy Conference will address the entire spectrum of the energy supply chain and provide an opportunity to collaborate among Department of Defense employees, contractors, the Military Services, peers, leaders and top industry experts to discuss current trends and initiatives in the petroleum, alternative fuel and renewable energy fields. The conference will be held at the Gaylord National Hotel & Convention Center at National Harbor, Maryland, on May 20-23, 2019. Webpage: www.wwenergyconference.com.

Updates and further details of these events will be posted at the DLA website, http://www.dla.mil/Info/strategicplan/IndustryEngagementPlan. There you will also find a brochure on DLA's Industry Engagement Plan. We look forward to your attendance at these events that directly support and foster improved collaboration with our industry partners.

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