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Connecting Suppliers with DLA

What does DLA buy?

As the nation's combat logistics support agency, the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) manages the global supply chain – from raw materials to end user to disposition – for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, 10 combatant commands, other federal agencies, and partner and allied nations. DLA also supplies 86 percent of the military's spare parts and nearly 100 percent of fuel and troop support consumables, manages the reutilization of military equipment, provides catalogs and other logistics information products, and offers document automation and production services to a host of military and federal agencies. DLA consolidates requirements by supply chain and procures items in sufficient quantities to meet our customers' projected needs. Many of DLA's procured items are delivered directly from commercial suppliers.   Other items are stored and distributed through a system of worldwide depots. To determine if a DLA supply chain and/or the General Services Administration (GSA) purchases a given Federal Supply Class (FSC):

Find a commodity by name or FSC number - This table is a list of FSC assignments to DLA/GSA sorted only by FSC. If you are interested in selling to DLA, use this table to determine if DLA buys your product.

Find a commodity by FSC number and Activity Code - This table is a list of FSC assignments to DLA/GSA sorted by FSC and then by Activity Code. If you are interested in selling to DLA, use this table to determine if DLA buys your product.

Federal Supply Classes Managed by DLA via the DLA Internet Bid Board System (DIBBS)North American Industry Classification (NAICS) to Federal Supply Class or Product   Service Code (PSC) Cross reference

WHERE TO FIND PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES
DLA Internet Bid Board System (DIBBS): DIBBS is a web-based application that allows businesses to search for, view, and submit secure quotes on Requests for Quotations (RFQs) for DLA items of supply. DIBBS also allows users to search and view Requests for Proposals (RFPs), Invitations for Bid (IFBs), awards, and other procurement information related to DLA.

FedBizOpps (FBO): Most DoD and federal government procurements over $25,000 are publicized in FedBizOpps. Federal government agencies publish their solicitations on FBO providing detailed information on how and when vendors should respond. Commercial vendors can utilize FBO to search, monitor, and retrieve potential opportunities matching the goods and services they provide.

New DIBBS Password Criteria

Due to a change in DoD Security requirements, DIBBS has implemented a new password requirement, which was effective September 3, 2019. The new rule involves how many characters have to be changed each time a new password is created compared to the previous password. Previously, the password criteria required 4 characters to be changed; however, the new requirement is 8 characters. For ease of transition, below are all the requirements, including this new change, for a DIBBS password:

DIBBS Password Format
At a minimum, passwords must be at least 15 characters long and can be as long as 60 characters.

Passwords must contain at least 2 characters from each of the following 4 classes listed below:

1. English upper case letters: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
2. English lower case letters: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
3. Westernized Arabic numerals: 0123456789
4. Non-alphanumeric (special characters) @ # $ % ^ & + . = !

Passwords must have no more than 4 upper and lower case letters in a row or 4 numbers in a row. (i.e. aBcD, 5678, not aBcDf or 56783)

The first 3 characters in the password be different (i.e. abc but not aab, abb, bab, etc.)

Passwords cannot have more than 1 special character in a row (i.e. @@)

Passwords cannot begin or end with an '!'. An ampersand (&) cannot be the first special character used in any position. It can be the second or subsequent special character used.

The new password must differ from the last 10 passwords. Passwords are valid for 60 days.

NEW: New password characters must differ from previous passwords by at least 8 characters. A change from an upper case letter to a lower case letter and vice versa does constitute a change in a character.

Passwords should not contain words from any language, because numerous password-cracking programs exist which can run through millions of possible word combinations in seconds.

Passwords should be complex, but one which can easily be remembered. For example, Msi5%Y0ld%ni$8# (My Son is 5 years old and is great) or Ihl1Cf20#yNi$8# (I have lived in California for 20 years now and is great). These examples will not be allowed.

Passwords should not contain personal information such as names, telephone numbers, account names, birthdates, or dictionary words.

When a new password is established, log off, then log back on with the new password. This not only tests the password but also logs account activity in DIBBS. (NOTE: If your account was locked for inactivity, a password change by itself does not count as activity.)

It is recommended to change passwords with *Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox* to avoid possible issues.

Changes to FBO Website

Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) is moving to beta.SAM.gov the weekend of November 8, 2019. Until then, FBO.gov remains the authoritative source for Federal Business Opportunities. Once FBO has fully transitioned, you will be directed to beta.SAM.gov for contracting opportunities. Visit beta.SAM.gov today to preview new features like saved searches and the ability to follow notices. For more information, please visit the beta.SAM.gov learning center at https://beta.sam.gov/help/new-to-sam.

NO LONGER UTILIZING "U" SOLICITATIONS

Automated solicitations will no longer utilize a "U" in the ninth position starting with solicitations with an issue date of Tuesday, August 13, 2019. The "U" had designated an auto re-solicitation as unrestricted when the requirement previously had been a set-aside. These types of re-solicitations will now utilize a "T" in the ninth position, just like all other automated solicitations. The "U" is being reserved for future use. Any questions, please contact the DIBBS helpdesk at dibbsbsm@dla.mil .

COMING SOON!
Automated Indefinite Delivery Contract (AIDC)

Suppliers should be aware a new program is being released November 2019. AIDC is an automated, single material, long-term contract for stocked items DLA purchases multiple times per year. Contracts will not exceed a 1-year base, will have no option year(s), and will not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold ($250K). These contracts will have a guaranteed contract minimum quantity. Suppliers will be given the option to state if they will accept a no minimum order quantity. The solicitations will be open for 14 days, have no phased delivery, and no quantity ranges. Evaluation will be based on a single price decision, surplus offers and alternate offers will not be allowed (they will be considered a bid with exception).

Suppliers should check DIBBS notices in the coming month for more information on AIDC.

QUOTING NON-QUALIFYING OR OTHER COUNTRY END PRODUCT

Also coming soon, when quoting on DIBBS under the Buy American Act or Free Trade Agreement and selecting Non-Qualifying Country End Product or Other Foreign End Products, in lieu of having a text box where the country name was typed in, it will have a drop down where the country is selected. For those suppliers utilizing the batch or EDI quoting, when quoting NQ or O in field 70, field 71 will require the ISO standard two digit country code in lieu of the text of the country. This will assure DLA can read the field when necessary.