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Simplify Your DLA Experience with the DLA's Vendor Information Hub

Working with the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) requires navigating a complex landscape. To help vendors, suppliers, distributors, and other partners across its diverse supply chains and Major Subordinate Commands, the DLA offers the Vendor Information Hub – a centralized online resource designed to streamline processes and provide readily accessible information.

This hub serves as a one-stop shop, an essential directory covering virtually every subject a supplier might encounter while working with the DLA. Whether you're a seasoned partner or new to working with the agency, the Vendor Information Hub can help you find the information you need.

What can you find in the Vendor Information Hub?

- **Comprehensive Resources and Guides:** Access a wealth of resources, guides, and detailed processes to help you effectively navigate DLA procedures.
- **Essential Directory:** Quickly locate information on a wide range of topics relevant to your work with DLA.
- **Vendor Hot Links:** Get direct access to various major DLA sites, systems, and applications, saving you valuable time and effort.

The DLA Vendor Information Hub is a valuable tool designed to foster stronger, more efficient partnerships. By providing a centralized and easily accessible source of information, the DLA aims to support its vendors and ensure seamless collaboration.

Visit the hub today at <https://www.dla.mil/Vendor-Information-Hub/> and unlock the resources you need to succeed in your partnership with the DLA.

DLA Advanced Manufacturing: Explore Our New Online Hub

The realm of Advanced Manufacturing (AdvM) is continually evolving, and the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) is at the forefront of these advancements, providing pivotal resources and opportunities to DLA suppliers specializing in the field. Major developments have emerged that are set to revolutionize the landscape of AdvM, Additive Manufacturing (AM) in particular. These include the launch of a new DLA Advanced Manufacturing webpage and the Military Services provisioning their approved AM parts and generating a demand signal to DLA.

On May 15, 2025, the DLA Advanced Manufacturing webpage officially went live to guide and support DLA suppliers in the field of AdvM and AM. The site is a treasure trove of information, featuring quick links to the DLA Small Business Programs Office, Vendor Information Hub, and DLA Research and Development webpages. A significant highlight is detailed instructions on using the DLA Internet Bid Board System (DIBBS) Request for Quote (RFQ) Solicitation Text Search; this allows users to identify “potential additive” Class IX AM National Stock Number (NSN) solicitations.

The site can be found here: <https://www.dla.mil/Logistics-Operations/DLA-Advanced-Manufacturing/>

Furthermore, DLA has been responding to the increasing demand signal from the Military Services for AM NSNs. Noteworthy accomplishments include the successful solicitation and contract award of polymer and metal AM NSNs with competitive Technical Data Packages provided by the Military Services. DLA suppliers interested in taking advantage of AM opportunities need to be certified to do business with DLA which includes getting the Enhanced Joint Certification Program (eJCP) certification (<https://www.dla.mil/Logistics-Operations/Enhanced-Validation/>).

These crucial developments signify DLA's commitment to advancing manufacturing technologies and improving collaboration with DLA suppliers and the Military Services. Stakeholders can look forward to a new era of innovation and efficiency in the field of Advanced Manufacturing. For more information, or for any questions, please contact the DLA Advanced Manufacturing team at dlaj344additivemanufacturing@dlamail.mil.

All medical material to be shipped to overseas locations may be sent to a Medical Air Bridge or to the Defense Distribution Depot Norfolk Virginia (DDNV). Medical shipments are not only sent to DDNV but also to other Distribution sites such as Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna Pennsylvania (DDSP) and Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, California (DDJC) as the breakpoint for the Consolidation and Containerization Points (CCP).

Instructions on when to use these transshipment points are located at the following website:

https://www.dla.mil/Portals/104/Documents/TroopSupport/Medical/Dibbs%20Letter%20-%202025%20APR.pdf?ver=P93ULZrThDQ-Y_TJxELEqA%3d%3d

Only shipments of medical supplies are authorized to use these facilities.

DLA Streamlines Small Business Inquiries with New Web Tool

DLA is making it easier for small businesses to connect. A new web-based tool streamlines the inquiry submission process, replacing the previous email-based system with a user-friendly online form. This tool will route inquiries to the relevant supply chain or component, provide visibility into recurring issues across the enterprise, and help: identify training needs for small businesses; match capabilities with MSC needs; and identify trends for process improvements. Additionally, it tracks intake workloads for each small business office, serving as a central repository for responses and workload management, while eliminating redundancy by providing visibility of multiple requests.

Small Businesses should now submit all inquiries through the new web form at:

<https://www.dla.mil/Small-Business/Contact/>

DLA Needs Your Help To Improve Contract On-Time Delivery

It is critically important to adhere to the terms and conditions of contracts and meet established contract delivery dates (CDDs). DLA depends on expeditious contract award and timely contractor delivery to achieve mission success, and delivery delinquencies reduce warfighter readiness. We are asking our industry partners to quickly respond to solicitations and provide the most aggressive but realistic delivery times when submitting quotes.

We also ask suppliers to take the following steps to help better ensure CDDs are met:

1. **Be Proactive:** Please submit Post-Award Requests (PARs) in the DLA Internet Bid Board System (DIBBS) website when there is a need to communicate with contract administrators. This allows for tracked and timely responses to inquiries. PARs can be submitted at www.dibbs.bsm.dla.mil under the section titled, "Awards." Suppliers must have a DIBBS account to submit PARs. PARs are assigned to a contract administrator who can assist with the action requested. When submitting a DIBBS PAR, please ensure you are assigning the proper PAR reason codes to expedite attention and ensure timely responses. Inform the assigned contract administrator as soon as possible of any challenges your company is facing to deliver on time. This includes expected supply chain issues, unforeseen emergencies, or issues with subcontractors. Under special contractor arrangements such as Prime Vendor contracts, direct communication with Tailored Logistics Support Specialists or on-site-assigned DLA personnel is still the most effective means of communication.
2. **Be Realistic:** Quoting realistic CDDs is vital so DLA can posture itself to meet the needs of our military service customers. It is important to coordinate with your subcontractors and suppliers far enough in advance to meet the CDD. If issues arise that prevent you from meeting the proposed CDD after contract award, notify your contract administrator immediately using PARs.
3. **Help DLA Perform Better:** We continually strive to improve our processes for our suppliers such as making updates to PARs to make it more user friendly. As you communicate with contract administrators, please let us know how and where we can improve.
4. **Vendor Shipment Module (VSM):** Please use VSM for the most up-to-date shipments being made directly to customers (<https://vsm.distribution.dla.mil>).

Thank you for your attention on this important matter and for your continued support to the warfighter!



Warehouse Management System Update Delivery and Acceptance Delays Possible

DLA will be updating an internal system that will affect DLA Distribution's receipting process at the storage depots listed below. During the week of the system change, deliveries to these depots may experience acceptance delays. The system implementation is scheduled to last one week and will be rolled out according to the schedule provided.

TOBYHANNA (DDT2)	4/28/2025
SAN JOAQUIN (DDJC)	5/05/2025
SIGONELLA (DDSI)	6/16/2025
DJIBOUTI (DDDJ)	6/16/2025
GERMANY (DDDE)	7/21/2025
KOREA (DDDK)	9/2/2025
SASEBO (DDSA)	9/2/2025
RICHMOND (DDRV)	9/28/2025
SUSQUEHANNA (DDSP)	11/10/2025
YOKOSUKA (DDYJ)	1/20/2026
CHERRY POINT (DDCN)	1/20/2026
IWAKUNI (DDIJ)	2/2/2026
OKINAWA (DDOJ)	2/2/2026
SAN DIEGO (DDDC)	2/16/2026
JACKSONVILLE (DDJF)	3/9/2026
GUAM (DDGM)	3/15/2026
PEARL HARBOR (DDPH)	3/29/2026
PUGET SOUND (DDPW)	3/29/2026



Medical Supplies for Overseas Shipment

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REAL ID Implementation and How it Impacts US Military Installation Access

The REAL ID Act went into effect on May 7, 2025. For any day after May 7, 2025, anyone 18 years and older that plans to visit certain Federal facilities or fly domestically will need a REAL ID or another acceptable form of identification to enter U.S. military bases or board federally regulated commercial aircraft. Additional forms of identification that may be used in conjunction with a state non-REAL ID drivers license to request access to the installation are as follows:

Accessing DLA installations

DLA installations will no longer solely accept a state-issued identification that does not meet the Real ID Act of 2005 standards as proof of identity. Acceptable IDs for access to DLA and other Department of Defense installations include:

- DOD common access cards
- DOD uniformed services ID cards– military retiree or dependent IDs
- Local DOD access cards and passes – i.e. a Defense Biometric Identification System cards or visitor passes
- Real ID-compliant driver's licenses, enhanced driver's licenses, or nondriver's identification cards issued by a state, territory, possession or the District of Columbia
- U.S. or foreign passport or passport cards
- Transportation Worker ID cards
- Veteran's Health ID cards
- Federal personal identity verification cards
- Non-federal PIV-interoperable cards

First-time visitors or personnel with expired passes must register a Real ID online or at their local Visitor Control Center prior to installation access.

Visitors may expedite this process by submitting a pre-approval request, Snow said. Visitors requesting access without a Real ID Act-compliant ID or who can't provide a supplemental ID will be denied unescorted access.

Individuals who possess a valid Department of Defense-issued ID card will not be affected in their ability to enter military installations.

For the most current information concerning state-by-state compliance with the REAL ID Act, please visit <http://www.dhs.gov/real-id-enforcement-brief>.

Those with questions about REAL ID should visit <http://www.dhs.gov/real-id-public-faqs>.

NOTE: The Real ID Act was enacted by Congress as a result of a 9/11 Commission recommendation that all state issued ID cards meet certain security and issuance standards. Implementation of the REAL ID Act requirements as it pertains to U.S. military installation access began in mid-January 2016.

