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November 17-18, 2026 (In-Person)

Register at:

[Outreach Calendar \(dla.mil\)](http://OutreachCalendar(dla.mil))

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DLA Supply Chain Alliance Symposium & Exhibition

Please join us for the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Supply Chain Alliance Symposium & Exhibition June 2-3, 2026 in Columbus, OH. This event is hosted by the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) in partnership with the Defense Logistics Agency.

This conference and exhibition, tailored for small and large businesses, will offer new concepts, insight on Government policy and processing, and will allow for networking, opportunities to share issues, and collective problem solving for a long-term, sustainable supply chain.

No matter if you are a small business looking to begin a working relationship with DLA or an established large business that wants to strengthen the relationship you have already developed, we look forward to your participation at this event. DLA welcomes new businesses that want to join the team and those businesses that have been working with us for years.

Join us and learn more about DLA, and how we can partner together to continually improve warfighter support! More information and sign up can be found at NDIA's [Registration](#)

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Preferential Scheduling Under the Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS)

This notification is to ensure that all orders rated under the Defense Priorities and Allocation System (DPAS) are properly prioritized. 15 CFR Part 700 implements the DPAS, which is administered by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security. Any person or entity in the supply chain that receives a rated order is required to comply with the provisions of this regulation.

The DPAS rating will appear at the top of Page 1 of the order and is comprised of two parts. First, the Department of Defense (DoD) identified priority rating level, which is either "DO" or "DX". The second part is a Program Identification Symbol, such as "A1" for aircraft or "C9" for miscellaneous items. A full list of symbols can be found at Schedule I to Part 700, Title 15. Together, the Rating Level + Program Identification Symbol becomes the full rating, for example, DX-A1 or DO-C9.

In accordance with 15 CFR 700.14

(a) A person must schedule operations, including the acquisition of all needed production items, in a timely manner to satisfy the delivery requirements of each rated order. Modifying production or delivery schedules is necessary only when required delivery dates for rated orders cannot otherwise be met.

(b) DO rated orders must be given production preference over unrated orders, if necessary to meet required delivery dates, even if this requires the diversion of items being processed or ready for delivery against unrated orders. Similarly, DX rated orders must be given preference over DO rated orders and unrated orders.

Example 1:

If a person receives a DO rated order with a delivery date of June 3 and if meeting that date would mean delaying production or delivery of an item for an unrated order, the unrated order must be delayed. If a DX rated order is received calling for delivery on July 15 and a person has a DO rated order requiring delivery on June 2 and operations can be scheduled to meet both deliveries, there is no need to alter production schedules to give any additional preference to the DX rated order. However, if business operations cannot be altered to meet both the June 3 and July 15 delivery dates, then the DX rated order must be given priority over the DO rated order.

In addition, a person must use rated orders with suppliers to obtain items needed to fill a rated order. The person must use the priority rating indicated on the customer's rated order, except as otherwise provided in 15 CFR 700 or as directed by the Department of Commerce.

Example 2:

If a person is in receipt of a DOA3 rated order for a navigation system and needs to purchase semiconductors for its manufacture, that person must use a DOA3 rated order to obtain the needed semiconductors.

The priority rating must be included on each successive order placed to obtain items needed to fill a customer's rated order. Therefore, the inclusion of the rating will continue from contractor to subcontractor to supplier throughout the entire supply chain.

While the section on Preferential Scheduling (15 CFR 700.14) is briefly explained above, it is crucial to read and understand all of 15 CFR Part 700 to ensure full compliance.

DIBBS Document Retention Policy

This is a reminder that there is a retention policy for the amount of time documents are available on DIBBS. Please make sure you save all documents needed in a timely manner and in accordance with the following time frames listed below. This retention policy can be found on DIBBS at: <https://www.dibbs.bsm.dla.mil/refs/help/dibbsdcretenion.aspx>

- Large Purchase Contract Awards and Modifications - 60 Days after Contract Closeout
- Basic Contract Awards and Modifications - 60 Days after Contract Closeout
- Purchase Order (PO) and Delivery Order (DO) Awards - 120 Days after Posting to DIBBS (unless Modified)
- PO and DO Modifications (and associated PO/DO) - 120 Days after Latest Modification Posting to DIBBS
- Subsistence Awards (Non-Public) - 30 Days after Posting to DIBBS
- RFQs Cancelled or Deleted - 30 Days after Cancellation/Deletion Date
- RFQs Resulting in Awards - 90 Days after Solicitation Closing Date
- RFPs - On the Closing Date or Amended Closing Date

As always, any questions regarding DIBBS may be directed to the DIBBS support desk via the on-line feedback form at: <https://www.dibbs.bsm.dla.mil/FeedBack/> or via e-mail to: DibbsBSM@dlamail.mil

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DLA TKO Schedule

Find upcoming opportunities to work with DLA through DLA's Small Business Outreach Calendar. Discover matchmaking events, attend classes or connect with other small businesses in similar industries. Details for each event can be found at DLA's [Small Business Outreach Calendar](#).

2026 Schedule

- 04/24/2026 - 04/24/2026 [Navigating the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification \(CMMC\) - TKO Webinar](#)
- 05/12/2026 - 05/13/2026 [Training Knowledge & Opportunities Seminar \(Free\)](#)
- 06/9/2026 - 06/10/2026 [Training Knowledge & Opportunities Seminar \(Free\)](#)
- 07/7/2026 - 07/8/2026 [Training Knowledge & Opportunities Seminar \(Free\)](#)
- 09/15/2026 - 09/16/2026 [Training Knowledge & Opportunities Seminar \(Free\)](#)
- 11/17/2026 - 11/18/2026 [Training Knowledge & Opportunities Seminar \(Free\)](#)



DLA Requirements Review: What Industry Should Know

As part of our ongoing effort to refine requirements with a focus on lethality and readiness, DLA is reviewing existing purchase requisitions (PRs) and open solicitations. This review may lead to adjustments in requirement quantities, including the potential cancellation of select PRs and solicitations.

Any actions taken will be targeted, limited in scope and align with mission priorities.

We are sharing this notice to ensure transparency and maintain open communication with our industry partners.

For questions regarding a specific solicitation, please direct your inquiry to the assigned Acquisition Specialist or Procuring Contracting Officer.



Weapons Support (Columbus) Supply Chain - “Hot” Items List

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

DLA Weapons Support (Columbus) has posted a list of items that are urgently needed at: [Selling to DLA Weapons Support \(Columbus\)](#).

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 .

