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## The Nonmanufacturer Rule and Small Business Set-Asides

When the nonmanufacturer rule is applicable to a solicitation, it requires contract awardees to provide an item that a small business has manufactured in the United States.

If the solicitation is set aside for an 8(a), HUBZone, service-disabled veteran-owned, or woman-owned small business, and the nonmanufacturer rule is not waived, then the awardee must provide the product of a small domestic source. This is true regardless of dollar value of the contract.

If there is a total small business set-aside over the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250k), and the nonmanufacturer rule is not waived, the awardee must provide the product of a small domestic source.

The Nonmanufacturer Rule is not applicable under the simplified acquisition threshold on a total small business set-aside, therefore an awardee may provide the product of a small business or a large business, or an acceptable foreign source.

If the solicitation is a total small business set-aside under the simplified acquisition threshold and an 8(a), HUBZone, service-disabled veteran-owned, or woman-owned small business quotes, they can also provide the product of an acceptable source regardless of the source's business size.

In summary, if the nonmanufacturer rule is waived, a company can provide the product of any acceptable source. If the nonmanufacturer rule is not waived, note the set-aside type and reference one of the paragraphs above

# DLA Supplier Survey to be released October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

DLA will be releasing its 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial DLA Enterprise Supplier Survey on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Please be on the lookout for emails and a link on DLA's website for the opportunity to supply feedback on your experience doing business with DLA in four categories: communications, effectiveness, supplier relationships, and growth and profit.

As part of DLA's [DLA Strategic Plan 2025-2030](#), DLA will release the 30-question survey which includes a section for written comments. Completion should take 10-15 minutes and responses are anonymous.

DLA's supply chains will use that data to create action plans that target areas where we need improvement. Previous surveys have resulted in DLA Aviation investing more resources in post-award reporting and the creation of an industry newsletter by DLA Energy. The agency also stood up a market intelligence team to improve knowledge of vendor capabilities and challenges.

For questions on the survey please reach out to [dlasuppliersurvey@dla.mil](mailto:dlasuppliersurvey@dla.mil).



## MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR OVERSEAS SHIPMENT

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%202024%20AUG%20update.pdf?ver=bMxxADd7mgw42-OHG6AtWg%3d%3d>

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

# DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY VENDOR SHIPMENT MODULE DECOMMISSIONING

The Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) Vendor Shipment Module (VSM) is no longer being utilized by DCMA as of July 31, 2024.

For DCMA administered contracts, DCMA will utilize DCMA Shipping Instruction Request (SIR). Other shipments will route to Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) VSM. Suppliers may contact DCMA Transportation for DCMA administered contracts prior to shipping when the contract has an OCONUS Destination Address/Export, Foreign Military Sales (FMS), Hazardous (HAZMAT), or Arms Ammunition and Explosives (AA&E) materials.

Suppliers can receive shipping instructions by using the DCMA Shipment Instruction Request (SIR) eTool System at <http://www.dcms.mil>.

Suppliers may also obtain the appropriate DOD regulatory clearances, shipping documentation, and instructions from the cognizant DCMA Transportation Office.

New DCMA users must first apply for an eTool account via DCMA External Web Access Management (EWAM) at <http://www.dcms.mil>.



## 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) .

