

# DLA STRATEGIC



# MATERIALS

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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#### National Defense Stockpile Program Initiates Market Research to Establish Energetic Materials for a Strategic Explosives Reserve

FORT BELVOIR, Virginia, Oct. 2, 2018 — The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Strategic Materials, operator of the National Defense Stockpile (NDS) Program, today released a Request for Information (RFI) regarding establishing a Strategic Explosives Reserve (SER). The SER would aim to decrease and preclude, when possible, a dangerous and costly dependence by the United States upon single sources of supply and unreliable foreign sources for strategic energetic materials in a National Emergency.

DLA Strategic Materials described a requirement for certain energetic materials via the *Strategic and Critical Materials 2017 Report on Stockpile Requirements*. Since the dissemination of that report, DLA Strategic Materials revised and validated this requirement with additional input from the Program Executive Office (PEO) for Ammunition, the Critical Energetic Materials Working Group (CEMWG), the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Policy (DASD-IP), and other stakeholders within the Department of Defense (DoD) ammunition community.

The SER will contain RDX and RDX-base compounds, HMX and HMX-base compounds, IMX and constituents of IMX, and TNT.

DLA Strategic Materials strongly encourages industry, other Government agencies, and any other interested parties to review and submit comments to its RFI, available at <https://www.fbo.gov>. Search keyword: SP8000.

#### About the National Defense Stockpile & DLA Strategic Materials

The *Strategic & Critical Materials Stock Piling Act* (50 U.S.C. 98 *et seq.*) authorizes the National Defense Stockpile (NDS) Program. DLA Strategic Materials operates the NDS Program on behalf of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition & Sustainment.

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