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CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

**Building Resilient Supply Chains, Revitalizing Domestic
Manufacturing & Fostering Growth**

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LIVE HELP DESK

The Live Help Desk provides an opportunity for industry to request and obtain real time assistance with problematic procurement issues. The Live Help Desk will allow industry partners to reserve a 15-minute time slot to sit down with their governmental counterparts and find resolution or a way forward for current orders or open acquisitions. Questions on specific issues regarding open solicitations, existing contracts or purchase orders, or clarification of technical data or specifications can be addressed during this session. Subject matter experts in their field of expertise will be present to answer inquiries. Industry may reserve an appointment through the **.

TECH-QUALITY

The National Defense Strategy continuously challenges the Department of Defense to increase readiness to build a more lethal force. DLA's ability to deliver quality solutions to the customer is critical in enabling the military to achieve these sustained readiness requirements. In this panel, experts from both government and industry will discuss several key technical quality processes that are in place to ensure DLA delivers material that meets the warfighter's requirement. Panelists will provide overviews of these processes, best practices, observed obstacles, lessons learned and recommendations for our industry partners to ensure quality meets the Warfighter's requirement.

PLANNING/FORECASTING

Over the last several years, DLA has focused efforts to enhance its planning practices, capabilities, and functionalities to progress towards the creation of more accurate planning requirements that both support materiel availability to DLA customers and financial stewardship. A large focal point for these efforts has been to determine how to optimally align items to the appropriate method of management or planning methodology. These alignment efforts include exploring industry best practices and expanding the DLA Planning toolbox to include alternative to forecasting strategies like Consumption Pull System (CPS) and Peak, Next Gen. During the Planning/Forecasting breakout session, the panel members will provide a DLA Planning 101 level overview and discussion. Topics will focus on the current DLA methods of management, characteristics, and parameters for item to model alignment, and expectations for execution and performance management. As DLA continues to tweak and enhance its planning execution, the relationships and collaboration with our suppliers and industry partners become even more critical especially given ongoing supply chain complexities. The session will also include open dialogue and Q&A with DLA's industry partners to address any questions or topics of concern.

REVERSE ENGINEERING

Reverse Engineering is defined as a process by which parts are examined and analyzed to determine how they were manufactured, for the purpose of developing a complete technical data package. Reverse engineering can be a critical tool for both the government organizations and contractors to utilize in solving supply chain challenges. This forum will discuss how and when reverse engineering is used, challenges and opportunities both from the government and industry perspective, and an overview of programs available for industry to partner with DLA on executing reverse engineering programs.

OEM/SMALL BUSINESS OFFICE HOW TO IMPROVE VISIBILITY AS A SMALL BUSINESS

Engage large business Original Equipment Manufacture representatives in a discussion of their recommendations on what small businesses can do to increase their visibility to commercial and DoD entities. This will include a sharing of ideas from the panel and questions from the audience.

CASTING & FORGING

Casting and Forging represent just 4% of DLA solicitations but can represent up to 15% of backorders over 180 days. Join an interactive discussion on how government and industry can partner to overcome the inherent challenges associated with cast and forged items. Learn about resources available through the Aviation and Land & Maritime supply chains with respect to tooling, identification of foundry and forging sources, technical clarifications, Engineering Support Activity engagement, and more.

COST AND PRICE

Gain information and insights on current supply chain issues driving price instability, pricing alternatives, and preventative efforts. Hear from representatives from industry and the government who will discuss current regulations and policy environment, pricing factors, shared experiences, and suggestions for industry and government acquisition professionals to achieve a higher level of support to the warfighter. This is a high-level discussion provided to talk through cost and pricing issues impacts.

CYBERSECURITY, THE INTEGRITY OF PRODUCTS AND THE IMPACT TO MISSION ASSURANCE

The importance of data security and ensuring supply chain are reliable, safe and secure is a must. There is currently no lack of awareness of this problem, but what can be done to insure that ‘trade off’ discussions know what is in the trade. These types of vulnerability can allow targeting of the government and industry via contractors, sub-contractors and all tiers of the supply chain. Join experts from industry and DLA for a discussion geared toward CyberSecurity issues facing the acquisition community. This will include discussion of material security and processes in place to prevent failures.

POST AWARD REQUESTS (PARS)

The contracting process is not over once a contract is awarded. Join an overview of Post Award Requests (PARs) and step by step training on how to create/submit PARs and check the status of existing PARs in the DLA Internet Bid Board System (DIBBS). Insight will be shared into the processing, throughput and challenges associated with PARs along with how to use the tool in a manner that maximizes efficiency. Whether there is a need for Requests for Variance, Invoice Payments, or Contract Delivery Date Extensions initiating a PAR is the first step.

SMALL BUSINESS: DOING BUSINESS WITH DLA & PTAC/APEX

Understanding and navigating the world of government contracting can be a daunting task for any business, but this is particularly true where small businesses are concerned. Within this presentation we will be discussing APEX formerly known as PTAP (Procurement Technical Assistance Program). APEX/PTAP was established as a means of expanding the number of businesses that are capable of participating in government contracts. The APEX/PTAP program is one of the most beneficial no to low-cost government programs available to all small businesses. Within this program, APEX Accelerators formerly known as Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs) are staffed with trained personnel that serve as the axis for existing and new businesses to strengthen the defense industrial base and beyond by accelerating innovation, fostering ingenuity, and establishing resilient and diverse supply chains.

TESTING

The Government requires various testing and validation methods to ensure material meet required specifications.

Testing is achieved through various methods to include First Article, Production Lot, and Product Verification. Engage industry and other stakeholders in a high-level discussion of the government testing process. To facilitate a more robust discussion, the panel will dedicate a significant portion of session for questions and answers.

DIGITAL-BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION (D-BX)

One option is to use this as an opportunity to describe where we’re trying to get with SRM/automation and get some industry inputs on what they think would help.

COFFEE W/ CONTRACTING

DLA invites you to Coffee with Contracting. Contracting experts from DLA Aviation, Land, and Maritime invite you to a “Coffee with Contracting” question and answer forum. Experienced acquisition members from Pre-Award, Post-Award, and the Strategic Acquisition Directorates will be available to field questions from the audience. Bring your favorite beverage and engage the panel with those questions you have always wanted to ask.

DLA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

DLA’s Research and Development (R&D) Enterprise Servicing Activity mission is improving warfighter readiness and sustainment by addressing military needs, exploring logistics research for our global supply chain, and addressing defense industrial base manufacturing issues. Join the Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIP) and Program Managers who will provide valuable insights on how R&D works closely with over 100 small businesses, corporations, federal agencies, colleges, universities, and manufacturing innovation institutes for adoption of emerging technologies, re-engineering of parts and supplies, and modernization of supply chain processes. Moreover, how we foster a thriving and sustainable partnership environment that supports experimentation and innovation to develop solutions for DLA, the DoD and Whole of Government.

CYA (CALL YOUR ATTORNEY!)

Join a lively discussion with DLA attorneys on select topics: What are the rules of the road for DLA’s industry engagement: the Do’s and Don’ts of Government employee interactions with industry?

Insights into DLA’s Fraud Prevention Program

What happens when you submit an Agency protest and why protests are important part of a vibrant supply chain?