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Notice to Suppliers

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All Suppliers to Noble Sales, Inc., DBA Noble Supply & Logistics
Subject: Acceptance of United States Government Priority Rated (DPAS) Orders

Dear Noble Supplier:

As a prime contractor for the United States Government, Noble is required by US public law to apply all applicable Laws, FARs (Federal Acquisition Regulations), and DFARS (Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement), to all government procurements utilizing appropriated funds. One key component to nearly all US Government procurements, is the Defense Priorities Allocation System, also known as DPAS. The rules regarding DPAS can be found in federal regulations FAR 52.211-15, and 15 CFR 700. Noble is subject to these clauses on all US Government contracts. Therefore, per this requirement, all Noble suppliers, and sub-tier suppliers, would also be bound by this requirement for all US Government orders. DPAS has specific program requirements for all suppliers and their sub-tier suppliers, concerning the performance and acceptance criteria defined by these regulations.

No US Government contract or sub-contract can be executed without written acceptance of any DPAS ratings contained within these contracts. Per 15 CFR 700.13, any supplier receiving a DPAS rated order must provide written or electronic acknowledgement of their acceptance of that order within 15 days for DO rated orders or 10 days for DX rated orders.

As of the posting of this notice, any supplier receiving a DPAS rated order will be bound by this requirement.

We appreciate your support and compliance with this public law. This is a rated order certified for national defense use, and you are required to follow all the provisions of the Defense Priorities and Allocations System regulation (15 C.F.R. part 700) 15 C.F.R. § 700.12.

All Buyers have been briefed on these new requirements and should be able to respond to any Noble related questions you may have.

Action Required:

Pursuant to 15 CFR 700, all suppliers to Noble must acknowledge receipt and acceptance of any US Government rated order within 15 days for DO rated orders or 10 days for DX rated orders. This acknowledgement must be received in writing or submitted electronically to your Noble Buyer. The below template is provided for your convenience. However, the lack of issuance of the acknowledgement of receipt and acceptance by the Supplier within the above mentioned term shall be deemed as a tacit acceptance by the Supplier of the terms set out in the Purchase Order.



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Dear Noble Buyer,

Pursuant to 15 CFR 700, we understand that the above referenced Noble order is rated for national defense, emergency preparedness, and energy program use under the Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS), and that we will be required to follow all of the requirements of this regulation.

Check one of the following:

_____ As of this date, we acknowledge receipt and acceptance of this DPAS rated order.

_____ As of this date, we acknowledge receipt of, but reject the DPAS rating contained within, this order. Since we are rejecting the DPAS rating(s) contained within the referenced order, we understand we must also provide the reasons for the rejection, pursuant to paragraphs (b) and (c) of 15 CFR 700, section 700.13, in writing (hard copy) or electronic format.

Regards,

[signature]

[Signatures Printed Name]

[Signatures Title]