

## CLAUSE H-900C

### ADDITIONAL GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### 1. BUYER'S USE OF DATA AND INFORMATION

(This article applies only if this contract is issued under a Government prime contract or subcontract.)

Seller agrees that any data such as drawings, instructions, or information furnished to Buyer in connection with this contract will be free from confidential, proprietary, or restrictive-use markings, other than statutory patent, copyright, U.S. Government security notices, or properly applied restrictive legends permitted by appropriate FAR, Department of Defense FAR Supplement (DFARS), or NASA FAR Supplement clauses incorporated herein. Buyer, its agents, or its assignees may duplicate or use such documents in connection with the manufacture, use, or disposition of the material furnished under this contract and may remove, obliterate, or ignore any such marking as may be on such documents unless such markings are specifically permitted by applicable FAR, DFARS, or NASA FAR Supplement clauses. Except as may be otherwise provided in this contract, all information and data disclosed or furnished to Buyer in connection herewith will be deemed to be disclosed or furnished as part of the consideration for this contract, and Seller agrees not to assert any claims (except claims for patent infringement) by reason of any use, duplication, or disclosure thereof.

#### 2. PRECEDENCE

All documents and provisions in this contract shall be read so as to be consistent to the extent practicable. In the event various parts of this contract are inconsistent, the following order of precedence shall apply: (i) special terms and conditions; (ii) the terms and conditions in Customer Contract Requirements (CCR) documents that are incorporated in this contract by reference; (iii) terms and conditions from the Buyers' General Provisions Terms and Conditions that are incorporated in this contract by reference with the exception of CCR documents; (iv) specifications; (v) all other attachments, exhibits, appendices, etc., incorporated by reference. Buyer's specifications will prevail over any subsidiary documents referenced therein. Seller will not use any specification in lieu of those contained in this contract without the written consent of Buyer's Authorized Procurement Representative.

#### 3. SUBCONTRACTING

(This article applies only if this contract is a subcontract under a U.S. Government prime contract.)

Seller agrees that no subcontract placed under this contract will provide for payment on a cost-plus-a-percentage-of-cost basis.

#### 4. BADGING REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN PERSONS

(This article applies only if this contract requires Seller to work on facilities owned or controlled by Buyer or Buyer's customer.)

- a. An employee of Seller who is not a U.S. citizen and does not have a permanent-resident-alien "green" card on his or her person may not be admitted to Buyer's or Buyer's customer's facilities for purposes of performing work without special arrangements.
- b. If foreign persons are to be used for work at Buyer's or Buyer's customer's facilities, advance notice must be provided to Buyer's Authorized Procurement Representative at least three weeks prior to the scheduled need for access to Buyer's or Buyer's customer's facilities.
- c. The following specific information must be provided for each such foreign national:
  - (i) Complete name and address of employee;
  - (ii) Company name and address;
  - (iii) Contract number;
  - (iv) Detailed description of employee's duties;
  - (v) Nationality;
  - (vi) Date and place of birth (country of origin);
  - (vii) Passport number and expiration date;
  - (viii) Employment authorization and/or work permit number issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service;
  - (ix) Access requirements (i.e., facility locations, building number(s), controlled access areas, automated information systems, etc.), and
  - (x) Duration of need for access to Buyer's or Buyer's customer's facilities.
- d. Buyer's Authorized Procurement Representative will make arrangements for appropriate badging for Seller's foreign national employees, or will notify Seller if unescorted access is denied or delayed.
- e. Seller agrees that it will not employ for the performance of work at Buyer's or Buyer's customer's facilities any individuals who are not legally authorized to work in the United States.
- f. Nothing in this clause shall be construed as requiring or encouraging violation of the labor laws of the United States, including without limitation, those pertaining to equal employment opportunity.

#### 5. SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESS TO PREMISES OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY BUYER OR THE GOVERNMENT

(This article applies only if this contract requires Seller to work on facilities owned or controlled by Buyer or Buyer's customer.)

All employees, agents, and representatives of Seller or its subcontractors who are expected to enter premises owned or controlled by Buyer or the Government are required to provide Buyer's Security personnel with proof of citizenship. Examples of original documents that are considered satisfactory are U.S. Birth Certificates, U.S. Passports, Certificates of Naturalization, Alien Registration Receipt Card (with photograph), and/or other evidence of citizenship satisfactory to Buyer before being allowed access to Buyer's premises. All such employees, agents, and representatives are bound by the provisions of the United States Criminal Code relating to espionage and sabotage and will conform to the standards and requirements established by the Government and Buyer's Security. Seller will submit the name and birth certificate and/or other satisfactory evidence of citizenship of each such employee, agent, or representative prior to the time for reporting for work. Selected positions and assignments of Seller's employees may require a security clearance.

## 6. SAFEGUARDS

(This article applies only if this contract requires Seller to work on facilities owned or controlled by Buyer or Buyer's customer.)

If this contract requires work to be performed on property owned or controlled by Buyer or the Government, Seller will provide suitable and adequate protection of the work, property adjacent to the work, and persons in the immediate vicinity of the work.

## 7. ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL OF QUALITY-RELATED DOCUMENTATION

(This article applies only if Seller has access to the S&C Supplier Portal.)

Seller shall, prior to shipment and via the Supplier Portal, provide Buyer contract-required quality-related documentation for Buyer's review and acceptance.

## 8. FINANCIAL DATA

(This article applies only if this contract exceeds \$250,000 and has a period of performance of more than one year.)

If requested, Seller shall provide financial data, on a quarterly basis, or as requested to the Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne, Inc. Corporate Credit Office for credit and financial condition reviews. Said data shall include but not be limited to Balance Sheets, schedules of accounts payable and receivable, major lines of credit, creditors, Statements of Income (profit and loss), Statements of Cash Flow, firm backlog, and headcount. Copies of such data are to be made available within 72 hours of any written request by Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne, Inc.'s Corporate Credit Office. All such information shall be treated as confidential.

9. ETHICAL BUSINESS CONDUCT & ETHICS

(This article applies only if this contract requires Seller's employees to work on Buyer's premises for extended periods of time.)

Seller will ensure that its employees performing under this contract comply with UTC/Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne, Inc.'s Ethical Business Conduct & Ethics Guidelines. The Guidelines are available at the following Internet address:

[http://www.utc.com/responsibility/ethics/brochure\\_list.htm](http://www.utc.com/responsibility/ethics/brochure_list.htm)

10. FAR 52.203-13 "CONTRACTOR CODE OF BUSINESS ETHICS AND CONDUCT" (DEC 2008) (This article applies only if this contract is issued under a Government prime contract or subcontract and if the value of the contract is expected to exceed \$5,000,000 and the performance period is 120 days or more.)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause—

"Agent" means any individual, including a director, an officer, an employee, or an independent Contractor or Seller, authorized to act on behalf of the organization.

"Contractor" means Seller

"Full cooperation"—

(1) Means disclosure to the Government of the information sufficient for law enforcement to identify the nature and extent of the offense and the individuals responsible for the conduct. It includes providing timely and complete response to Government auditors' and investigators' request for documents and access to employees with information;

(2) Does not foreclose any Seller rights arising in law, the FAR, or the terms of the contract. It does not require—

(i) A Seller to waive its attorney-client privilege or the protections afforded by the attorney work product doctrine; or

(ii) Any officer, director, owner, or employee of the Seller, including a sole proprietor, to waive his or her attorney client privilege or Fifth Amendment rights; and

(3) Does not restrict a Seller from—

(i) Conducting an internal investigation; or

(ii) Defending a proceeding or dispute arising under the contract or related to a potential or disclosed violation.

"Principal" means an officer, director, owner, partner, or a person having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (*e.g.*, general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment; and similar positions).

“Subcontract” means any contract entered into by a subcontractor to furnish supplies or services for performance of a prime contract or a subcontract.

“Subcontractor” means any supplier, distributor, vendor, or firm that furnished supplies or services to or for a prime contractor or another subcontractor.

“United States,” means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and outlying areas.

(b) *Code of business ethics and conduct.*

(1) Within 30 days after contract award, unless the Contracting Officer establishes a longer time period, the Seller shall—

(i) Have a written code of business ethics and conduct; and

(ii) Make a copy of the code available to each employee engaged in performance of the contract.

(2) The Seller shall—

(i) Exercise due diligence to prevent and detect criminal conduct; and

(ii) Otherwise promote an organizational culture that encourages ethical conduct and a commitment to compliance with the law.

(3)(i) The Seller shall timely disclose, in writing, to the agency Office of the Inspector General (OIG), with a copy to the Contracting Officer, whenever, in connection with the award, performance, or closeout of this contract or any subcontract thereunder, the Seller has credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, or subcontractor of the Seller has committed—

(A) A violation of Federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations found in Title 18 of the United States Code; or

(B) A violation of the civil False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3729-3733).

(ii) The Government, to the extent permitted by law and regulation, will safeguard and treat information obtained pursuant to the Seller’s disclosure as confidential where the information has been marked “confidential” or “proprietary” by the company. To the extent permitted by law and regulation, such information will not be released by the Government to the public pursuant to a Freedom of Information Act request, 5 U.S.C. Section 552, without prior notification to the Seller. The Government may transfer documents provided by the Seller to any department or agency within the Executive Branch if the information relates to matters within the organization’s jurisdiction.

(iii) If the violation relates to an order against a Government wide acquisition contract, a multi-agency contract, a multiple-award schedule contract such as the Federal Supply Schedule, or any other procurement instrument intended for use by multiple agencies, the Seller shall notify the OIG of the ordering agency and the IG of the agency responsible for the basic contract.

(c) Business ethics awareness and compliance program and internal control system. This paragraph (c) does not apply if the Seller has represented itself as a small business concern pursuant to the award of this contract or if this contract is for the acquisition of a commercial item as defined at FAR 2.101. The Seller shall establish the following within 90 days after contract award, unless the Contracting Officer establishes a longer time period:

(1) An ongoing business ethics awareness and compliance program.

(i) This program shall include reasonable steps to communicate periodically and in a practical manner the Seller's standards and procedures and other aspects of the Seller's business ethics awareness and compliance program and internal control system, by conducting effective training programs and otherwise disseminating information appropriate to an individual's respective roles and responsibilities.

(ii) The training conducted under this program shall be provided to the Seller's principals and employees, and as appropriate, the Seller's agents and subcontractors.

(2) An internal control system.

(i) The Seller's internal control system shall—

(A) Establish standards and procedures to facilitate timely discovery of improper conduct in connection with Government contracts; and

(B) Ensure corrective measures are promptly instituted and carried out.

(ii) At a minimum, the Seller's internal control system shall provide for the following:

(A) Assignment of responsibility at a sufficiently high level and adequate resources to ensure effectiveness of the business ethics awareness and compliance program and internal control system.

(B) Reasonable efforts not to include an individual as a principal, whom due diligence would have exposed as having engaged in conduct that is in conflict with the Seller's code of business ethics and conduct.

(C) Periodic reviews of company business practices, procedures, policies, and internal controls for compliance with the Seller's code of business ethics and conduct and the special requirements of Government contracting, including—

(1) Monitoring and auditing to detect criminal conduct;

(2) Periodic evaluation of the effectiveness of the business ethics awareness and compliance program and internal control system, especially if criminal conduct has been detected; and

(3) Periodic assessment of the risk of criminal conduct, with appropriate steps to design, implement, or modify the business ethics awareness and compliance program and the

internal control system as necessary to reduce the risk of criminal conduct identified through this process.

(D) An internal reporting mechanism, such as a hotline, which allows for anonymity or confidentiality, by which employees may report suspected instances of improper conduct, and instructions that encourage employees to make such reports.

(E) Disciplinary action for improper conduct or for failing to take reasonable steps to prevent or detect improper conduct.

(F) Timely disclosure, in writing, to the agency OIG, with a copy to the Contracting Officer, whenever, in connection with the award, performance, or closeout of any Government contract performed by the Seller or a subcontract thereunder, the Seller has credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, or subcontractor of the Seller has committed a violation of Federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations found in Title 18 U.S.C. or a violation of the civil False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3729-3733).

(1) If a violation relates to more than one Government contract, the Seller may make the disclosure to the agency OIG and Contracting Officer responsible for the largest dollar value contract impacted by the violation.

(2) If the violation relates to an order against a Governmentwide acquisition contract, a multi-agency contract, a multiple-award schedule contract such as the Federal Supply Schedule, or any other procurement instrument intended for use by multiple agencies, the Seller shall notify the OIG of the ordering agency and the IG of the agency responsible for the basic contract, and the respective agencies' contracting officers.

(3) The disclosure requirement for an individual contract continues until at least 3 years after final payment on the contract.

(4) The Government will safeguard such disclosures in accordance with paragraph (b)(3)(ii) of this clause.

(G) Full cooperation with any Government agencies responsible for audits, investigations, or corrective actions.

(d) *Subcontracts.*

(1) The Seller shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (d), in subcontracts that have a value in excess of \$5,000,000 and a performance period of more than 120 days.

(2) In altering this clause to identify the appropriate parties, all disclosures of violation of the civil False Claims Act or of Federal criminal law shall be directed to the agency Office of the Inspector General, with a copy to the Contracting Officer.

(End of clause)

## 11. FOREIGN CONTENT REPORTING

(This article applies only if this contract exceeds \$500,000 and Seller is a domestic supplier.)

In accordance with the Buyer's General Provisions, Seller shall provide the following information on all subcontracts of \$50,000 or more, for performance of work under this contract, with foreign companies.

- The Buyer's PC number, a point of contact within your Company (*name and telephone number*);
- Name of Foreign Company;
- Foreign Company Address;
- Foreign Company Point of Contact (*name, telephone number, E-mail address, and FAX number*);
- Part number(s) or description of product(s) and service(s) to be provided;
- Estimated or actual Dollar Value; (*Pre-Award*)
- Your order number;
- Anticipated Award Date (*upon receipt of offer, or issuance of solicitation to foreign firm*);
- Actual Award Date (*indicate whether new award or contract change, change no., and date change was issued*);
- US Dollar Value;
- Quantity and Unit of Measure;
- Comments, if any.

A report will be provided within 30 days of the effective date of this contract, and semi annually thereafter (January and July), as necessary, to represent any changes to foreign content/value under this contract.

The information provided will be used for the sole purpose of claiming credit toward Buyer's Industrial Participation (Offsets) obligations with its international customers. The information will be treated as proprietary information, to be disclosed only for the purpose as noted. Reports shall be directed to the attention of the Buyer of record on this purchase order

## 12. ITAR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Seller shall comply with International Traffic in Arms Regulation §122.1, Registration requirements.

## 13. EXPORT LICENSING INFORMATION/OFFSHORE PROCUREMENT

- a. This contract, including any attachments or exhibits hereto, may contain information which is subject to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) or Export Administration Regulations (EAR) which may not be released to foreign concerns or foreign persons either inside or outside the United States without first obtaining the proper export authority. Seller shall obtain an export license pursuant to the requirements set forth herein for any items that Seller either manufactures or subcontracts outside the U.S or before allowing access to any technical data by a foreign person in the United States. If Seller is a "Foreign Person" (as defined by the International Traffic in Arms Regulations [ITAR] reference 22 CFR Sub-chapter M) the Seller shall, upon request of Buyer's Procurement Agent and without additional cost, provide such information as may be necessary to support Buyer's application for export license(s) covering any items ordered from Seller hereunder.
- b. This Contract may contain defense related technical data. Buyer has obtained, or will obtain, the approval of the U.S. Government to furnish to Seller the data, and any other items hereunder requiring such approval, which are necessary for Seller to perform this Contract. U.S Government approval is based upon the following ITAR requirements with which Seller agrees to comply:
- (1) Seller shall use the technical data furnished by Buyer only in the manufacture of defense articles in accordance with this Contract.
  - (2) Seller shall not disclose or provide technical data furnished by Buyer to any person except authorized U.S. citizen, intending citizen, permanent resident alien (immigrant alien). If Seller is a "Foreign Person," it may also disclose or provide technical data furnished by Buyer to its employees who are citizens of the same country and qualified subcontractors in the same country which require the data in performance of the subcontracts.
  - (3) Seller shall not disclose or provide technical data furnished by Buyer to any foreign person either in the U.S. or abroad unless obtaining prior authorization directly from the U.S. Department of State Office of Defense Trade Controls (ODTC). ITAR defines a "foreign person" as any person who is not a U.S. citizen, permanent resident alien, or a protected individual as defined by 8 USC 1324B(a)(3). Foreign person also means a foreign corporation (corporation not incorporated in the U.S.), foreign government, and any agency or subdivision of foreign governments (i.e. diplomatic mission).
  - (4) Seller shall not acquire any rights in the data furnished by Buyer except to use it in the performance of this Contract. Seller also shall not convey to its qualified subcontractors any greater rights in the data than Seller has. Seller's qualified subcontractors shall only have the right to use the data as required in performance of their subcontracts.
  - (5) Seller shall deliver the defense articles manufactured in accordance with this

Contract only to Buyer or to the U.S. Government.

- (6) Upon completion or termination of this Contract, Seller shall destroy or return to Buyer all technical data furnished to Seller by Buyer pursuant to this Contract. At Buyer's election, Buyer may direct Seller to return or destroy the data and may require Seller to certify in writing that Seller has complied.
- (7) Seller shall impose these requirements, (1) through (7), suitably revised to identify the parties properly, on all of its subcontractors to which Seller intends to furnish technical data provided by Buyer for use by the subcontractors in performance of the subcontracts.

#### 14. BUYER APPROVALS

Seller agrees that any and all Buyer approvals of Seller's technical and quality specifications, drawings, plans, procedures, and reports shall neither relieve Seller from Seller's obligations to perform all of the requirements of this contract nor be used as conclusive evidence of Seller's compliance with such requirements.

#### 15. REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

(This article applies only if this contract is a subcontract under a U.S. Government prime contract.)

This article includes representations and certifications that Buyer generally is required to obtain from Seller in order to comply with various provisions of its Government contracts. They have been stated in such a way as to allow Seller's acceptance of this contract to serve as representations and certifications that will present no bar to Buyer's award of this contract. If, upon receipt of a solicitation that precedes a contract that will incorporate these terms and conditions, Seller believes it is not prepared to make these representations and certifications, it will so notify Buyer as part of its response to the solicitation.

By the acceptance of this order, Seller makes the following representations and certifications:

##### a. Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities

- (1) "Segregated facilities," as used in this provision, means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees, that are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin because of habit, local custom, or otherwise.

- (2) Seller certifies that it does not and will not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that it does not and will not permit its employees to perform their services at any location under its control where segregated facilities are maintained. The Seller agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in the contract.
- (3) Seller further agrees that (except where it has obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) it will -
  - (A) Obtain identical certifications from proposed subcontractors before the award of contracts under which the subcontractor will be subject to the Equal Opportunity clause;
  - (B) Retain the certifications in the files; and
  - (C) Forward the following notice to the proposed subcontractors (except if the proposed subcontractors have submitted identical certifications for specific time periods).

Notice to Proposed Subcontractors of Requirement for Certifications of Nonsegregated Facilities.

A Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities must be submitted before the award of a subcontract under which the subcontractor will be subject to the Equal Opportunity clause. The certification may be submitted either for each subcontract or for all subcontracts during a period (i.e., quarterly, semiannually, or annually).

NOTE: The penalty for making false statements in bids is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

b. Previous Contracts and Compliance Reports

Seller represents that:

- (1) It has participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity clause of this solicitation, the clause originally contained in Section 301 of Executive Order No. 10925, or the clause contained in Section 201 of Executive Order No. 11114.
- (2) It has filed all required compliance reports.
- (3) Representations indicating submission of required compliance reports, signed by proposed subcontractors, will be obtained.

c. Affirmative Action Compliance (applicable if Seller has 50 or more employees)

Seller represents that:

- (1) If required to do so by the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1 and 60-2), it has developed and has on file a written Affirmative Action Compliance Program at each of its establishments, or
- (2) In the event such a program does not presently exist, and this contract is for \$50,000 or more, that it will develop and place in operation such a written Affirmative Action Compliance Program within 120 days from the award of this contract.

d. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters

- (1) Seller certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, it, or its principals, is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or ineligible from entering into contracts with the Executive Branch of the Federal Government.
- (2) Seller shall provide immediate written notice to Buyer if Seller learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or if Seller and/or any of its principals has become debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment by the Federal Government or by any Federal agency.

e. Clean Air and Water Certification

- (1) Seller certifies that at the time it submitted its proposal none of the facilities to be used in the performance of this contract were listed on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) List of Violating Facilities.
- (2) Seller further certifies that subsequent to submittal of its proposal and prior to award of this contract it has not received any communication from the Administrator, or a designee, of the EPA, indicating that any facility that Seller proposes to use for the performance of this contract is under consideration to be listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities.
- (3) Seller will include a certification substantially the same as this certification, including this paragraph (iii), in every nonexempt subcontract.

f. Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions

- (1) The definitions and prohibitions contained in the clause at FAR 52.203-12,

Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions, are hereby incorporated by reference in paragraph (2) of this certification.

- (2) The offeror, by signing its offer, hereby certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that on or after December 23, 1989 –
  - (A) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
  - (B) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds (including profit or fee received under a covered Federal transaction) have been paid, or will be paid, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with this solicitation, the offeror shall complete and submit, with its offer, OMB standard form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, to the Contracting Officer; and
  - (C) He or she will include the language of this certification in all subcontract awards at any tier and require that all recipients of subcontract awards in excess of \$100,000 shall certify and disclose accordingly.
- (3) Submission of this certification and disclosure is a prerequisite for making or entering into this contract imposed by section 1352, title 31, United States Code. Any person who makes expenditure prohibited under this provision or who fails to file or amend the disclosure form to be filed or amended by this provision, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000, and not more than \$100,000, for each such failure.

## 16. INDUSTRIAL PARTICIPTION COMMITMENT

Seller shall use its best efforts to cooperate with Buyer in the fulfillment of any Industrial Participation (IP), Offsets, Co-Production or similar obligations to certain foreign governments that Buyer may have accepted as a requirement for the sale of products to foreign customers.

## 17. NOTICE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF DFARS 252.225-7014, *PREFERENCE FOR DOMESTIC SPECIALTY METALS, ALTERNATE I* (HEREINAFTER “SPECIALTY METALS CLAUSE”)

(This article applies only if this contract is issued under a Department of Defense (DoD) prime contract or subcontract under a DoD prime contract.)

DoD's interpretation of this specialty metals clause is that it prohibits the Seller (including its suppliers at every tier) from incorporating into military parts, components, and/or end item deliverables “specialty metals” (identified in the clause, including titanium and stainless steel) which have been melted outside the United States, its possessions, or Puerto Rico, unless certain limited exceptions set forth in the clause or DFARS Subpart 225.7002-2 apply. One such exception is for specialty metals melted in a qualifying country or incorporated into an article manufactured in a qualifying country. Those countries are listed at DFARS 225.872-1(a) or (b). Since the United States is not listed as a qualifying country, DoD does not consider it to be a qualifying country. Even if a qualifying country exception applies, the source for specialty metals melted outside the United States may also have to be listed in an applicable Qualified Products List (QPL), such as that set forth in Material Specification, *Procurement from Foreign Sources - Metallic Raw Material*. Please check your purchase order carefully for any such requirement. If your purchase order contains this requirement, you must comply with its provisions unless you apply for and are granted, through The Buyer, one or more of the limited exemptions authorized under the specialty metals clause.

If your organization is issued a purchase order with the specialty metals clause, compliance to the following is strongly encouraged:

- a. Your Quality Assurance Personnel, particularly Receiving Inspection, (i.e. where in-coming material and certifications are verified), should be made aware of specialty clause requirements, and ensure that no foreign melted specialty metals are utilized to fabricate any components for use on a product to be supplied to DoD unless they are melted in a qualifying country.
- b. If a distributor or other subtier supplier is the source of your material, ensure that the specialty metals clause requirements have been flowed down. Also take the necessary steps to ensure that your supplier provides only specialty metals (such as Titanium or stainless steel) that have been melted within the United States or a qualifying country and, if required, proper certifications are issued.

If your organization needs further information and/or assistance, please contact the Buyer's Quality Representative assigned to your facility or identified in your purchase order.