### Providing Supplies to the Military Services



#### "Use of the Defense Logistics Agency Internet Bid Board System For Supply Chain Security"

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# Doing Business through DLA DIBBS





#### 1. Resell the requested parts

- ✓ Acquire exact NSN quote from the OEM and submit to RFQ as a reseller
- ✓ You are responsible for packaging, insurance, shipping and testing of product at point of receipt.

2. Propose your product be added to an existing NSN

- ✓ Source Approval Request (SAR) must be filled out (20 pages) to ensure the exact product can be built
- Technical drawings must be acquired – only 40% of existing NSN products have technical drawings available.

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### 3. Acquire an NSN for your existing products

- ✓ Product must have an existing military customer – they must request the NSN for you
- ✓ Request must be made to respective Engineering Support Activity (ESA)

## DLA Internet Bid Board System (DIBBS)

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- DIBBS is a web-based application that allows you to search for, view, and submit secure quotes on Requests for Quotations (RFQs) for DLA items of supply. DIBBS also allows users to search and view Requests for Proposals (RFPs), Invitations for Bid (IFBs), awards, and other procurement information related to DLA
- Produces revenues of nearly \$41 billion
- Manages 8 supply chains and 5 million items
- Operates in 48 states and 28 countries
- Maintains Foreign Military Sales of \$1.6 billion across 118 Nations





### **DIBBS** Account Creation

#### **DIBBS SuperUser account:**

- Company must be registered in SAM first
- Go to the DLA/DIBBS home page
- Click on Vendor Registration
- DLA/DIBBS is linked with the SAM system.
- DLA/DIBBS will pre-fill certain registration information (company name; business address; DUNS number; SAM registration point of contact (POC); contact telephone number; and, contact email/fax address) from the SAM the first time a representative for a CAGE starts the DLA/DIBBS registration process
- Full DIBBS registration is a two step process where you fill out the required fields in the online registration form and submit
- DIBBS will then mail you a postcard to the address associated with your CAGE record in SAM
- The postcard will contain a PIN number. When you receive the postcard, go back into your DIBBS registration, enter the PIN and submit. Your registration in DIBBS will be complete. DIBBS states that you should expect to receive your postcard in about 10 days from the time you complete your initial part of the registration.

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#### **DIBBS user account**

- The person who is the Super User (created the company account in DLA/DIBBS and SAM) must add you to the authorized user list
- They must log into DLA/DIBBS, click on Account and then click on Add Account and enter your name, phone and email
- You will receive an email with a link to DLA/DIBBS registration followed by a second email with a temporary pin
- Follow the instructions using the PIN and finish creating your account by providing a password.





DLA Major Subordinate Commands "Who buys what stuff."

#### DLA Troop Support, Philadelphia

Manages the supply chains for food, textiles, construction material, industrial hardware and medical supplies and equipment, including pharmaceuticals.

#### • DLA Aviation, Richmond, Virginia

Manages the supply chain for aviation weapons systems repair parts, flight safety equipment, maps, environmental products and industrial plant equipment.

#### DLA Land and Maritime, Columbus, Ohio

Manages the supply chain for ground-based and maritime weapons systems repair parts, small arms parts and fluid-handling systems. (RADIAC; Oscillators; Frequency Devices)

#### DLA Energy, Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Manages the supply chain for petroleum and lubrication products, alternative fuel/renewable energy, aerospace energy; provides fuel quality/technical support, fuel card programs and installation energy services.

## DLA Distribution, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania Provides storage and distribution solutions/management, transportation planning/management, logistics planning and contingency operations; operates a global network of distribution centers.

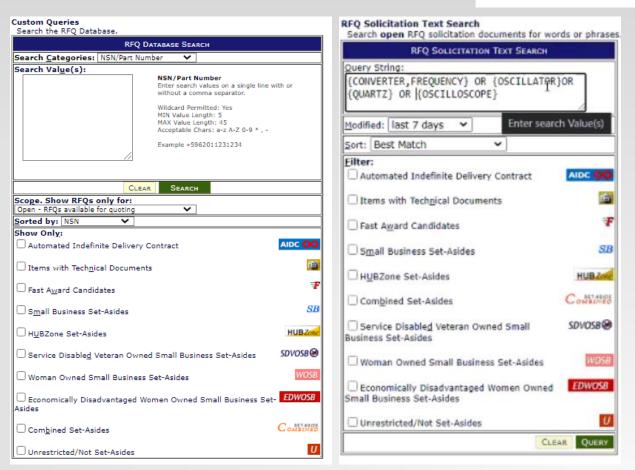
#### <u>DLA Disposition Services, Battle Creek, Michigan</u> Disposes of excess property by reutilization, transfer and demilitarization; conducts environmental disposal and reuse.

## **DLA DIBBS Searches**

- Solicitations are posted daily
  - RFQs: under \$250k
  - RFPs: Over \$250k
- Proposal to award within 2 weeks
- Proposals due 1 week from solicitation date
  - Automated solicitations are also known as T-Quotes because of the "T" in the 9th position of the solicitation number e.g. SPE4A1- 19-T-2160.
  - Manual Solicitations will have a letter "Q" in the 9th position of the solicitation number e.g. SPE4A1-19-Q-2019.
- Award announced within 1 week of deadline







# Doing Business with DLA DIBBS





#### 1. Resell requested part

- Acquire exact NSN quote from OEM and submit to RFQ as a reseller
- Responsible for packaging, shipping and testing of product

2. Propose product be added to existing NSN

- Source Approval Request (SAR) must be filled out (20 pages) to ensure the exact product can be built
- Technical drawings must be acquired

3. Acquire NSN for existing products

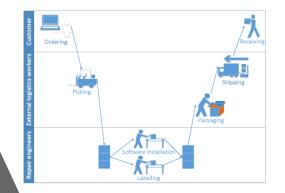
- Product must have an existing military customer
- Request must be made to respective Engineering Support Activity (ESA)

# Option 1. Resell Requested NSN

- Request/negotiate quote from OEM for exact part requested
- Submit quote to DLA DIBBS with margin. Must consider:
  - Packaging
  - Shipping
  - Logistics
  - Insurance
  - First Acceptance Test
- Exclusive reseller agreement with OEM may be of interest







### Option 2. Proposing Alternative Items

- Use a "Source Approval Request" (SAR). 1. **Template Attached -20 appendices** 
  - This allows DLA to send your data to the Military Services for their review and approval.
  - Once approved, your company CAGE and part number are added to the NSN.
  - Requires acquiring technical drawings -Customer may or may not have available many are export controlled.
- Propose to RFQ as an "Alternative Item" 2.
  - Propose part that is not the NSN as an alternative item
  - Unlikely that the buyer will hold up the buy, • especially if it is an automated solicitation

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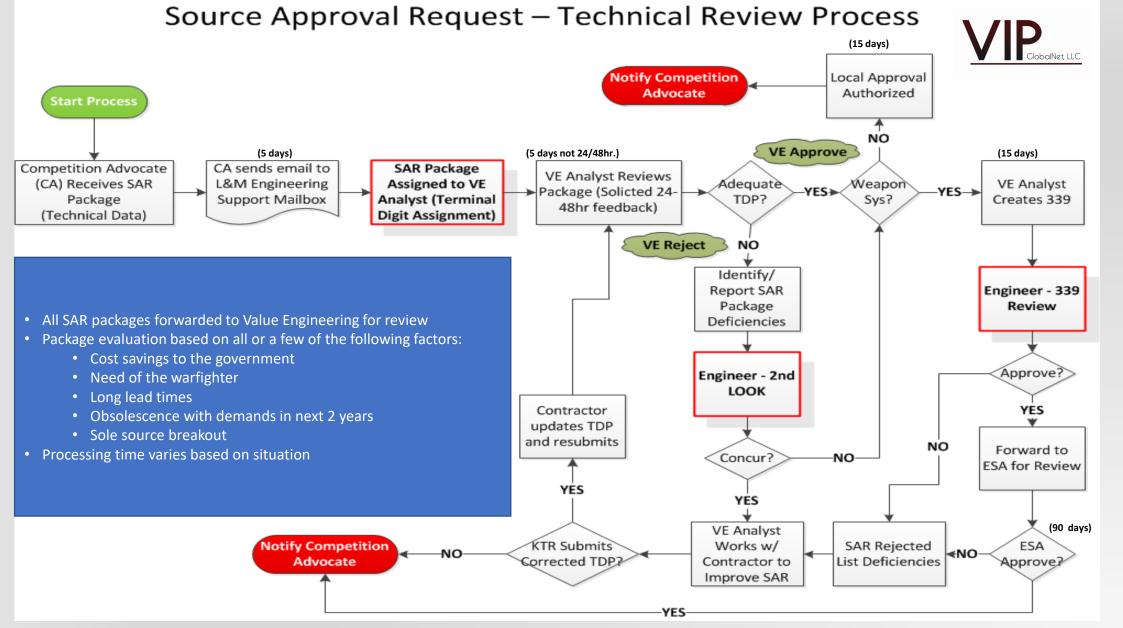
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# Option 2. Source Approval Request Process

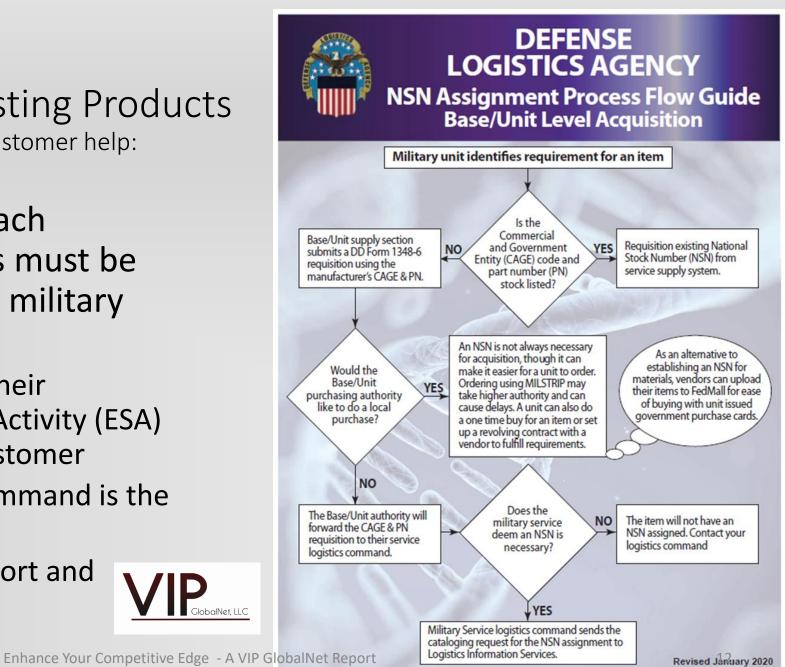
- Identify potential items (NSNs) of interest
  - Search...DIBBS, Haystack, SERVA (PTACs can help)
  - FSCs, item description, characteristics, OEM CAGE
  - DLA candidate list's
  - Obsolescence / limited competition
- Assemble SAR package data (follow guide)
  - Company information (manufacturing and quality)
  - Current part data and your data
    - SAR guide categories (OEM Data)
    - Reverse Engineering (OEM Part)
  - Business case
  - Actual data and/or test plan

- Submit SAR package
  - As Alternate Offer (AO) (open solicitation)
  - To Contracting Officer
  - To Competition Advocate Office (CAO)/AO Monitor
  - As Source Approval Request (no active solicitation)
  - To Competition Advocate Office (CAO)/AO Monitor
- Government reviews
  - CAO
  - Initial review, log case, notification
  - Value Engineering (VE)
  - Business case, technical review, tracking, contractor awareness
  - Engineering Support Activity (ESA)
  - Weapon system engineering evaluation)



Option 3. Get an NSN for Your Existing Products The best answer, but must have the customer help:

- Seek a new NSN for each Product/item, but this must be done through existing military customers
  - Find and speak with their Engineering Support Activity (ESA) from each military customer
  - Air Force Materiel Command is the ESA for the USAF
  - Ensures lifecycle support and interoperability



### CFolders

- DLA Collaboration Folders (cFolders) contains Bidsets and Engineering Data Lists (EDLs).
- cFolders contains the technical specifications that can be used to manufacture the NSN part.
- As stated previously, only a few NSNs have available Technical documents on cFolders.
- Some specifications are ITAR controlled and requires JCP certification:
  - Fill out the DD2345 form.
  - Once approved and cFolders is updated with your information, you can access export control data.
- cFolders account is linked with a DIBBS account, however, the account password for cFolders is different

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- https://www.dla.mil/LandandMaritime/Offers/Services/TechnicalSup port/ValueMgtDiv.aspx (Scroll down to find Source Approval Request)





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### National Stock Number NSN

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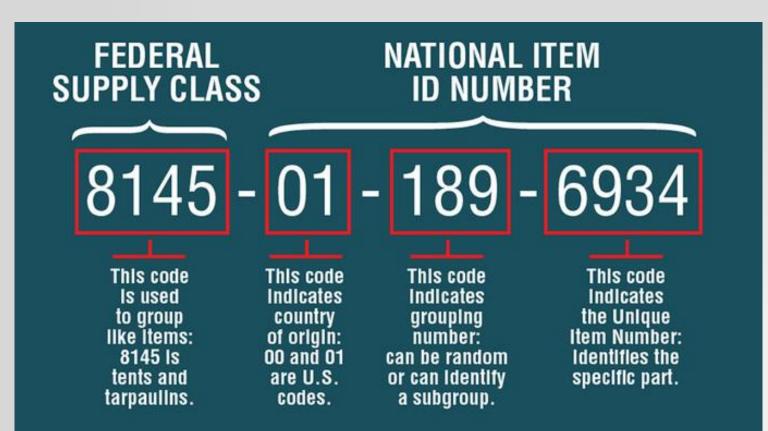
## What is an NSN?

- A National Stock Number is simply the official label applied to an item of supply that is repeatedly procured, stocked, stored, issued, and used throughout the federal supply system.
- It is a unique item identifying series of numbers. When a NSN is assigned to an item of supply, data is assembled to describe the item.
  - Item name
  - Manufacturer's part number
  - Unit price
  - Physical and performance characteristics.
- NSNs are an essential part of the military's logistics supply chain used in managing, moving, storing, and disposing of material.

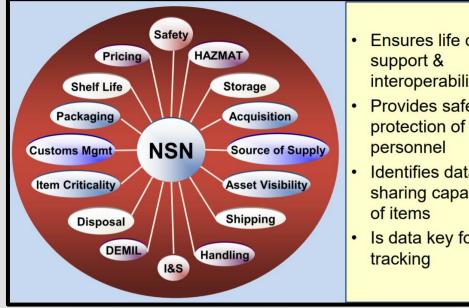
## NSN Format



• The NSN is a 13-digit code, and it is depicted as: XXX-XX-XXX-XXXX



# **Benefits of NSN**



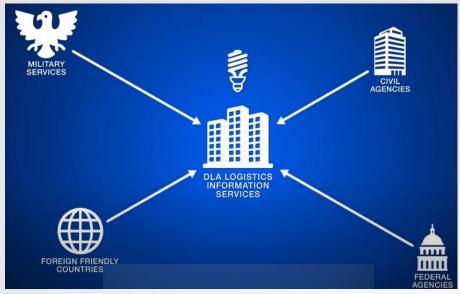
- Ensures life cycle interoperability
- Provides safety /
- Identifies data sharing capabilities
- Is data key for item



# Who Assigns a NSN?

- The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Logistics Information Service, located in Battle Creek, Michigan, assigns all NSNs at the request of the military services, certain federal and civil agencies, and foreign friendly countries.
- Each NSN assigned to an item of supply is the result of a careful review process known as cataloging.
  - Cataloging is the process whereby each item of supply is named, assigned a Federal Supply Class, described to identify all known characteristics and performance data, and ultimately assigned an NSN.







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