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To: Our Supplier Chain Partners

Subject: DHS and DOD Memorandums on Critical Infrastructure Workforce


Northrop Grumman Corporation, as an Aerospace and Defense contractor, provides essential products and services to critical infrastructure industries that are defined in Reference 1. During this unprecedented period, our customers still require critical products and services to continue vital operations and to strengthen the security of our nation and the national security of U.S. allies.

As stated in Reference 1, the President in issuing his March 16, 2020 guidance to reduce the spread of COVID-19 recognizes the importance of certain industries to continue normal work schedules. Reference 2 addresses the importance of the Defense Industrial base, one of the critical infrastructure industries, to continue supporting the DOD in meeting its national security commitments to the Federal Government and the U.S. military during the COVID-19 crisis. Companies and individuals that fit the categories listed in Reference 2 are expected to continue normal work schedules to meet their DOD obligations, as well as to comply with the Centers for Disease Control guidance and the applicable guidance from State and Local authorities aimed at protecting the health of our communities. Reference 1 is available to State and Local governments to consider exempting these critical infrastructure industries when they issue the equivalent “Stay at Home” orders. We have seen many state or local governments do so in orders issued to date.

If you or your suppliers have questions with respect to compliance with any such health and safety guidance, Northrop Grumman encourages you to coordinate with local authorities to ensure appropriate compliance.

Northrop Grumman appreciates your continued support during this unprecedented period, and we much appreciate you doing what you can to support our collective national security commitments. Consistent with the Coronavirus Supply Chain Impact Notice, dated March 12, 2020, as posted on the Northrop Grumman OASIS portal, in the event you experience or believe there may be a possible impact to your business, your supply chain at any tier, deliverables, or schedule, please contact the Northrop Grumman Supply Chain representative listed on your purchase orders or subcontracts as soon as possible.
Enclosures:
1. DHS CISA Memorandum, Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19, Response, dated March 19, 2020
2. DOD USD, Acquisition and Sustainment Memorandum, Defense Industrial Critical Infrastructure Workforce, dated March 20, 2020