

***NORTHROP GRUMMAN***

**Integrated Systems**

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**RE: Unique Item Identification (UID)**

Dear Northrop Grumman Supplier:

The Under Secretary of Defense introduced a new Unique Identification (UID) policy on 29 July 2003 establishing UID as a mandatory DOD requirement on all solicitations issued on or after January 1, 2004. More specifically, UID markings are required on all tangible items delivered to the government if:

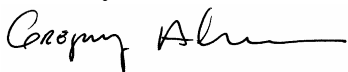
- (1) The Government's unit acquisition price is \$5000 or more of end item deliverable,
- (2) Item is serially managed, mission-essential, or a controlled inventory piece of equipment, a repairable or consumable item or is material requiring permanent identification.
- (3) Item is a component of deliverable item and the Program Manager requires UID marking.

Because the unit acquisition price identified above is Northrop Grumman's sell price, the supplier's unit cost at which UID applies may be lower. If UID is incorporated in your purchase order (look for Standard Note X133), you will be required to mark the identified parts with a unique number (per Mil-STD-130L) and track that number in a database at your facility.

We at Northrop Grumman understand the initial challenges associated with this new requirement, and we are committed to working with you in helping your organization succeed in UID implementation.

Additional information can be found on the Northrop Grumman OASIS website at <https://oasis.northgrum.com/> or at [www.uniqueid.org](http://www.uniqueid.org). Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact your Northrop Grumman Buyer.

Sincerely,



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