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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: DLA Statement to Industry - DNA Marking

The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) is firmly committed to meeting the electronic component requirement needs of our warfighters by providing the highest quality parts at the best possible price. We remain aggressive in our efforts to prevent counterfeit electronic parts from entering into DLA's supply chain and are constantly evaluating our counterfeit electronics detection and avoidance programs.

With our Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Marking Program reaching its second year, DLA is pleased to announce that DNA marking will continue to be an integral part of DLA's comprehensive program to deter and detect counterfeit microcircuits in Federal Supply Class (FSC) 5962. DLA is also pleased to report that on 15 December 2014, DLA will no longer issue solicitations requiring suppliers to provide DNA marked FSC 5962 microcircuits. Instead, DLA's Electronics Test Laboratory in Columbus, Ohio will DNA mark all FSC 5962 microcircuits.

This change will create a centralized, streamlined DNA marking process within DLA, reduce the overall cost of the marking initiative, and will ensure maximum participation of our industry partners in supplying FSC 5962 microcircuits to DLA. DLA will also no longer reimburse suppliers the cost for new licensing and other costs associated with DNA marking. DLA will work with Applied DNA Sciences to extend supplier licenses as necessary to allow for delivery of contracts awarded prior to 15 December 2014. DLA will reimburse suppliers for additional ink and QA testing of the DNA mark to support marking requirements for contracts awarded prior to 15 December 2014.

As part of the transition, suppliers will be required to provide DLA traceability documentation to the original component manufacturer for every contract award and purchase order. When traceability documentation is not available, a supplier must be qualified under DLA's Qualified Testing Suppliers' List (QTSL) to be competitive for a DLA contract award or purchase request.

We want to thank you for your participation in this initiative to date and we look forward to working with you in making this a successful transition.

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