The members of the Defense Industry Initiative on Business Ethics and Conduct (DII) (hereinafter “we”) are committed to upholding the highest standards in all our business dealings with the U.S. Government, protecting taxpayer resources, and providing high-quality products and services for the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces and their allies. Complying with all laws and regulations and ensuring fair competition are fundamental to this commitment.

This Supplier Code of Conduct expresses the expectations we hold for suppliers throughout the aerospace and defense industry.
I. Compliance with Laws

We expect our suppliers to maintain full compliance with all laws and regulations applicable to their business. When conducting international business, or if their primary place of business is outside the United States, suppliers must comply with local laws and regulations.

A. Maintain Accurate Records
We expect suppliers to create accurate records, and not alter any record entry to conceal or misrepresent the underlying transaction represented by it. All records, regardless of format, made or received as evidence of a business transaction must fully and accurately represent the transaction or event being documented. When a record is no longer needed to conduct current business, records should still be retained based on the applicable retention requirements. Suppliers performing as US Government contractors (whether direct or indirect) must comply with the requirements in FAR 4.703. Suppliers that are performing or fulfilling a US Government role in their prescribed work must comply with the records requirements of the affected agency and any relevant National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) requirements that apply to that agency.

II. Human Rights

We expect our suppliers to treat people with respect and dignity, encourage diversity, remain receptive to diverse opinions, promote equal opportunity for all, and foster an inclusive and ethical culture.

A. Child Labor
We expect our suppliers to ensure that illegal child labor is not used in the performance of work. The term “child” refers to any person under the minimum legal age for employment where the work is performed.

B. Human Trafficking
Suppliers must adhere to regulations prohibiting human trafficking, and comply with all applicable local laws in the country or countries in which they operate. Suppliers must refrain from violating the rights of others and address any adverse human rights impacts of their operations. Suppliers must educate employees on prohibited trafficking activities, discipline employees found to have violated the law or rules, and notify the contracting officer of violations and action taken against employees. Specifically, suppliers will be prohibited from the following in all contracts:

- Destroying, concealing, or confiscating identity or immigration documents;
- Using misleading or fraudulent tactics in recruiting;
- Charging employee recruitment fees or providing inadequate housing based on local standards, laws and directives;
- Failing to provide employment contracts and other documentation in the employee’s native language;
- Failing to provide return transportation upon the end of employment for employees brought to the country for the purpose of working on a U.S. government contract or subcontract; and
- Failing to interview and protect employees suspected of being trafficking victims.

III. Employment Practices

A. Harassment
We expect our suppliers to ensure that their employees are afforded an employment environment that is free from physical, psychological, and verbal harassment, or other abusive conduct.

B. Non-discrimination
We expect our suppliers to provide equal employment opportunity to employees and applicants for employment, without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, military veteran status, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, family structure, genetic information, or mental or physical disability, so long as the essential functions of the job can be competently performed with or without reasonable accommodation.

C. Substance Abuse
We expect our suppliers to maintain a workplace free from illegal use, possession, sale, or distribution of controlled substances.

IV. Anti-Corruption

A. Anti-Corruption Laws
Our suppliers must comply with the anti-corruption laws, directives and/or regulations that govern operations in the countries in which they do business, such as the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the U.K. Bribery Act.
V. Conflict of Interest
We expect our suppliers to avoid all conflicts of interest or situations giving the appearance of a potential conflict of interest in their dealings with our company. We expect our suppliers to provide notification to all affected parties in the event that an actual or potential conflict of interest arises. This includes a conflict between the interests of our company and personal interests or those of close relatives, friends or associates.

VI. Information Protection
A. Confidential/Proprietary Information
We expect our suppliers to properly handle sensitive information, including confidential, proprietary, and personal information. Information should not be used for any purpose (e.g., advertisement, publicity, and the like) other than the business purpose for which it was provided, unless there is prior authorization from the owner of the information.

B. Intellectual Property
We expect our suppliers to respect and comply with all the laws governing intellectual property rights assertions, including protection against disclosure, patents, copyrights, and trademarks.

C. Information Security
Suppliers must protect the confidential and proprietary information of others, including personal information, from unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification and disclosure, through appropriate physical and electronic security procedures. Suppliers must comply with all applicable data privacy laws. Suppliers shall assure extension of this requirement to all sub-tier sources they employ.

VII. Environment, Health, and Safety
We expect our suppliers to operate in a manner that actively manages risk, conserves natural resources, and protects the environment. We expect our suppliers to apply environmental management system principles in order to establish a systematic approach to the management of risks/hazards and opportunities associated with the environment, including potential risk from regulatory non-compliance, reputational loss, and opportunities for business growth through operational and product stewardship.

We expect our suppliers to comply with all applicable environmental, health and safety laws, regulations, and directives. Suppliers should protect the health, safety, and welfare of their people, visitors, and others who may be affected by their activities.
VIII. Global Trade Compliance

A. Security
When applicable, suppliers are encouraged to implement practices and procedures to ensure the security of their supply chains in accordance with the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism initiative of the United States Department of Homeland Security.

B. Import
We expect our suppliers to ensure that their business practices are in accordance with all applicable laws, directives and regulations governing the import of parts, components, and technical data.

C. Export
We expect our suppliers to ensure that their business practices are in accordance with all applicable laws, directives and regulations governing the export of parts, components, and technical data.

D. Anti-Boycott
Our suppliers must not participate in, cooperate with, or further the cause of any unsanctioned foreign economic boycott, in accordance with the 1977 Export Administration Act and the 1976 Tax Reform Act.

E. Conflict Minerals
Suppliers must adhere to federal laws and regulations requiring reporting companies to make specialized disclosure and conduct due diligence concerning their use of conflict minerals that may have originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or an adjoining country. Conflict minerals include cassiterite, columbite-tantalite, gold and wolframite, or their derivatives (tantalum, tin, and tungsten). Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, reporting companies that manufacture or contract to manufacture products that contain conflict minerals must conduct due diligence on the source and chain of custody of the applicable conflict minerals, and file a report with the SEC by May 31, 2014. We expect our suppliers to develop due diligence processes to meet our obligations to ensure that all products are responsibly manufactured.

IX. Quality
Suppliers must take due care to ensure their work product meets our company’s quality standards. We expect our suppliers to have in place quality assurance processes to identify defects and implement corrective actions, and to facilitate the delivery of a product whose quality meets or exceeds the contract requirements.

A. Counterfeit Parts
We expect our suppliers to develop, implement, and maintain methods and processes appropriate to their products to minimize the risk of introducing counterfeit parts and materials into deliverable products. Effective processes should be in place to detect counterfeit parts and materials, provide notification to recipients of counterfeit product(s) when warranted, and exclude them from the delivered product.

X. Ethics Program Expectations

A. Whistleblower Protection
We expect our suppliers to provide their employees with avenues for raising legal or ethical issues or concerns without fear of retaliation. We expect our suppliers to take action to prevent, detect, and correct any retaliatory actions.

B. Consequences for Violating Code
In the event of a violation of any of the above expectations, we may pursue corrective action to remedy the situation. In the case of a violation of law or regulation, we may be required to report those violations to proper authorities. We reserve the right to terminate our relationship with any supplier under the terms of the existing procurement/purchasing contract.

C. Ethics Policies
Commensurate with the size and nature of their business, we expect our suppliers to have management systems in place to support compliance with laws, regulations, and the expectations related to or addressed expressly within this Supplier Code of Conduct. We encourage our suppliers to implement their own written code of conduct and to flow down the principles of a code of conduct to the entities that furnish them with goods and services.

For questions/comments about the Code, please visit the Defense Industry Initiative website: www.DII.org. Send an email by selecting "Contact Us" under the “About Us” section.