

**MISSIONESSENTIAL®**

# **Supplier Code Of Conduct**

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## Introduction

As a member of the Defense Industry Initiative on Business Ethics and Conduct (DII), Mission Essential is committed to upholding the highest standards in all our business dealings with the U.S. Government, protecting taxpayer resources, and providing high-quality services for the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces and their allies, and U.S. government agencies. 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.

For purposes of this document, "Supplier" means any third party entity that is engaged by Mission Essential to provide goods or services to Mission Essential in support of its business operations.

### General Disclaimer

*This Supplier Code of Conduct is in no way intended to conflict with or modify the terms and conditions of any existing contract. In the event of a conflict, suppliers must first adhere to applicable laws and regulations, then the contract terms, followed by this Supplier Code of Conduct.*

## 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.

We require our suppliers to refrain from offering or making any improper payments of money or anything of value to government officials, political parties, candidates for public office, or other persons. This includes a prohibition on facilitating payments intended to expedite or secure performance of a routine governmental action like obtaining a visa or customs clearance, even in locations where such activity may not violate local law. Personal safety payments are permitted where there is an imminent threat to health or safety.

We expect our suppliers to exert due diligence to prevent and detect corruption in all business arrangements, including partnerships, joint ventures, offset agreements, and the hiring of consultants.

#### B. Illegal Payments

Our suppliers must not offer any illegal payments to, or receive any illegal payments from, any customer, supplier, their agents, representatives or others. The receipt, payment, and/or promise of monies or anything of value, directly or indirectly, intended to exert undue influence or improper advantage is prohibited. This prohibition applies even in locations where such activity may not violate local law.

#### C. Anti-Trust

Our suppliers must not fix prices or rig bids with their competitors. They must not exchange current, recent, or future pricing information with competitors. Our suppliers must refrain from participating in a cartel.

#### D. Gifts/Business Courtesies

We expect our suppliers to compete on the merits of their products and services. The exchange of business courtesies may not be used to gain an unfair competitive advantage. In any business relationship, our suppliers must ensure that the offering or receipt of any gift or business courtesy is permitted by law and regulation, and that these exchanges do not violate the rules and standards of the recipient's organization, and are consistent with reasonable marketplace customs and practices.

#### E. Insider Trading

Our suppliers and their personnel must not use material, non-publicly disclosed information obtained in the course of their business relationship with us as the basis for trading or for enabling others to trade in the securities of our company or those of any other company.

## 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.

## 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 this Code,** please contact the Mission Essential Ethics Office at 614.750.0211.