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DLA – VQ QUALIFICATION PROGRAM

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The mission of the DLA Land and Maritime Sourcing and Qualification Division (DLA Land and Maritime-VQ) is to assist in building and maintaining the readiness of the military services and federal agencies. DLA Land and Maritime-VQ strives to provide quality sources to **Department of Defense (DoD) specifications and ensure** that high reliability components supplied to military services and federal agencies conform to DoD specification requirements.



- <u>Process</u> of qualifying a manufacturer's products prior to and independent of a contract award Successful process allows us to list them on the Qualified Products Database (QPD)
- Authority comes from DoDM 4120.24, Enclosure
 14 Qualification
- Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 9.2 --Qualifications Requirements



- World Wide Program World Wide Impact
- Over 500 manufacturers participate
- More than 150 test labs
- 38 Qualified Suppliers List of Distributors
- 22 Qualified Testing Suppliers List
- Large qualification program covering wide variety of technologies and applications.



Electronics covers 22 types of components including:

Capacitors Resistors Connectors Tubes Switches **Microcircuits – Hybrid and Custom**

Transistors Diodes

Relays





<u>Non-Electronics</u> covers 7 types of components including: Hoses/Wipers

Fittings Pumps Wire/Cable







Federal Supply Classes (FSC) for the QPL/QML Programs managed by the Sourcing and Qualifications Division (VQ)

- 2530/2910/3020/4010/4820 Hardware
- 3010 Universal Joints
- 3030 Belts
- 4720 Hoses/Fittings
- 4730 Fittings
- 5810 Specialized Equipment, Kits, Outfits/Hand Tools
- 5821 Antennas
- 5895 RF Mixer
- 5905 Resistors
- 5910 Capacitors
- 5915 Filters
- 5920 Fuses
- 5925 Circuit Breakers
- 5930 Switches
- 5935 Connectors, Sockets and Accessories
- 5945 Relays
- 5950 Transformers/Coils
- 5955 Crystals & Oscillators
- 5960 Vacuum Tubes
- 5961 Semiconductors
- 5962 Microcircuits (Monolithic/Hybrids)

- 5965 Headsets/Miscellaneous
- 5970 Coatings
- 5980 Backlight
- 5985 RF & Wave Guides
- 5998 Printed Wiring Boards
- 5999 Miscellaneous
- 6010/6015 Fiber Optic Cables
- 6060 Fiber Optics
- 6069 Miscellaneous Fiber Optic Components
- 6145 Wire/Cable
- 6625 Indicators



QSL Programs:

QSLD – Qualified Suppliers List of Distributors QTSL – Qualified Testing Suppliers List







Protecting the DLA Supply Chain with:

- Vendor Audit (Trusted Suppliers)
- Traceability Back to the OCM
- Physical Inspection/Testing of all components



Major Steps

- **1. Audit of manufacturing plant**
- 2. Qualification testing of manufacturer's product
- 3. Review qualification test data
- 4. Approval and listing on QPD
- 5. Maintain QPD listing through review of periodic retention testing
- 6. Build and maintain relationship with manufacturer to ensure continued performance, quality and reliability

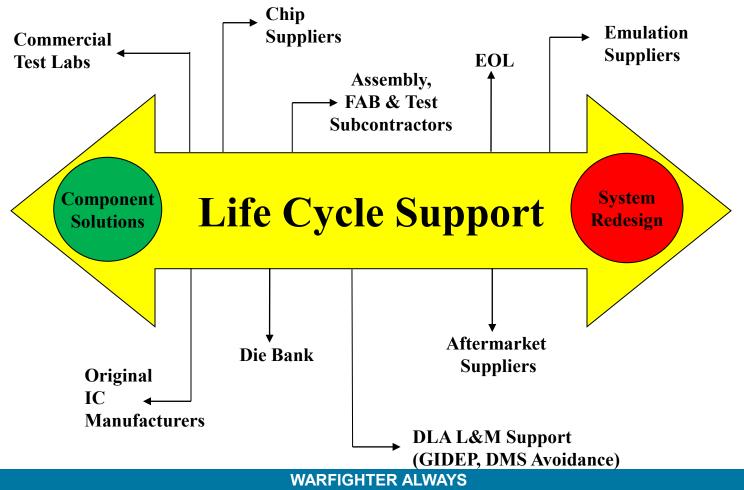


- Process of qualifying products/processes to assure performance, quality and reliability:
- Advance and independent of acquisition
- Proven product design
- Weeds out poor (unacceptable) manufacturers/products
- Qualification Program used for critical weapon platforms
- Verifies capability and compliance to requirements
- Improves availability and lead times, plus reduces backorders
- Lowers life cycle cost
- One-stop shopping lists of qualified suppliers/parts (over 150K NSN's on qualified parts)
- Provides DoD tremendous audit/testing savings



Managing Diminishing Manufacturing Sources

Keeping the OEM in the Green



Distribution Statement A, Approved for public release. Distribution Unlimited



Total Cost of Ownership

Projected number of modernizations based on component lifecycles comparison military vs. commercial

(Based on digital device content)

30 year aircraft lifecycle



SOURCE: ICE "Status 97" & TACTech, Inc.



- Product is already tested and can be purchased.
- Establishes level playing field and provides a "known-good supplier" list for customers
- Validates <u>continual</u> adherence (design rules, process flow, tests)
- Configuration management
- Lower life cycle cost, shorter lead times
- Significantly improves quality and reliability
- \$211M fraud settlements



- Qualifications and reliability testing performed to guarantee the system's end use and environment
- Configuration control via change control
- GIDEP used to provide the customer with notice on product changes, field failures and quality/reliability issues
- Both the IC manufacturer and DLA L&M are equipped to provide technical review and responses on failure analysis and destructive physical analysis reports from military field failures
- Logistics Support and protecting the Supply Chain
- Engineering support from the component manufacturer and DLA L&M
- Product performance guarantee by manufacturer via warranty and Certificate of Conformance (if required by specification or contract) provided to the customer
- End of Life DMS notices provided to the customer



 Sourcing and Qualifications Division Web Site: <u>https://landandmaritimeapps.dla.mil/Offices/Sourcing</u> and Qualification/default.aspx

QMLs/QPLs:

<u>https://landandmaritimeapps.dla.mil/programs/qmlqpl/</u>



