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Subject: Changes to NGAS Quality Flowdown, Supplier Quality Assurance Requirements, and Supplier Surveillance.

Dear Valued Supplier:

Northrop Grumman Aeronautics Systems (NGAS) Supplier Quality (SQ) has implemented changes to our Purchase Order (PO) Quality Flowdown and our Supplier Quality Assurance Requirements (SQAR). NGAS SQ has also expanded the use of Supplier Surveillance plans.

These updates are part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the highest quality standards for our products and maintaining a resilient supply chain. Our goal is to work proactively with our supply base to ensure consistent quality and mitigate potential risks.

Changes to Quality Flowdown

NGAS has incorporated changes to the specific language flowed in the Quality requirements on Purchase Orders (POs). The flowdown note that is affected by these changes is as follows:

Previous PO Verbiage: Clause I027.000 Northrop Grumman Source Inspection

New PO Verbiage: Clause I1042.000 Northrop Grumman End Item Acceptance (NGEIA)

Impact to Supplier: There is no impact to Suppliers as the required conformance inspections and documentation to be completed prior to Source Inspection will be unchanged for End Item Acceptance. Suppliers are still required to contact their assigned Quality Field Engineer (QFE) to conduct End Item Acceptance prior to shipping just as they do for Source Inspection.

NGAS has chosen to incorporate I1042.000 when issuing NEW POs and will not be modifying previously released POs/ Change Orders (COs). All POs/COs released prior to the 10/2/2025 will continue to reflect Clause I027. POs, and COs that involve the addition of new line items, released after 10/2/2025 will reflect the new Clause I1042.

SQAR Updates

Northrop Grumman has adopted the use of Net Inspect as our First Article Inspection (FAI) system of record. SQAR has been updated to reflect these new requirements. Updates also include language changes to support transition to Northrop Grumman End Item Acceptance. Please ensure a full review of the updated SQAR is completed and contact your assigned QFE with any questions.

Supplier Surveillance Plans

Our SQ program uses a risk-based approach to monitor and evaluate supplier performance through a combination of product inspections, quality audits, process assessments, and performance metrics / tracking. NGAS SQ will be increasing focus on supplier engagement through surveillance plans. Surveillance plans are intended to foster a stronger partnership and drive continuous improvement for both of our organizations. Suppliers will see focused engagements based on risk and performance metrics.

We look forward to your continued support, and willingness to work with NGAS to promote a culture of Quality and Improvement.

Regards,

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