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Dear Aerojet Rocketdyne Supplier to the Department of Defense:

Aerojet Rocketdyne (AR) has previously advised our DoD supplier base of the Cybersecurity Interim Rules enacted in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) in November 2020, with clause 252.204-7020, NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment Requirements.

The clause mandates all DoD suppliers at all tiers in the supply chain that create or access Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) to complete a basic cybersecurity self-assessment that complies with NIST SP 800-171.

NOTE: The regulation only allows an exception for suppliers that provide only (unmodified) Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) items to AR.

The resulting summary score must then be posted in the Government's Supplier Performance Risk System (SPRS). AR is required to determine supplier compliance and has previously requested a copy of the supplier's SPRS score (screen print from SPRS) as evidence on multiple occasions.

- If your firm is one of the 250 suppliers that have responded, ***thank you*** for your cooperation. As you continue to work on your network security and reassess compliance with updated self-assessment scores, please email a screenshot of your updated score in SPRS to ARSC@rocket.com
- If your firm has NOT YET provided evidence of your compliance with the SPRS score, please do so promptly. Send a screenshot of your SPRS score to ARSC@rocket.com
  - Be advised that as AR continues to receive DoD contracts that mandate SPRS compliance, **effective immediately we will no longer release any RFQ or PO to any supplier that requires access to CUI without first ensuring compliance with SPRS**.
  - Continued non-compliance is a "responsibility" criteria that will at a minimum, potentially delay your ability to continue to participate in AR's business.
  - Even on DoD programs that may not have yet incorporated the DFARS clause, AR now requires suppliers to provide evidence of SPRS compliance as has been requested for more than a year.
  - For those suppliers that have indicated they are not addressing network security to meet DoD's cybersecurity requirements, AR will begin seeking alternate suppliers.

AR takes contract compliance and cybersecurity seriously; your compliance is expected and appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mariel Dennis

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