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IN REPLY
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The Honorable Kevin Wolf
Assistant Secretary for Export Administration
Bureau of Industry and Security, Room 3886
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Wolf:

I am writing to request the support and participation of the Bureau of Industry and Security's (BIS), Office of Technology Evaluation (OTE) to conduct a specialized survey in support of a Diminishing Manufacturing Sources and Material Shortages (DMSMS) Cost Resolution Values assessment.

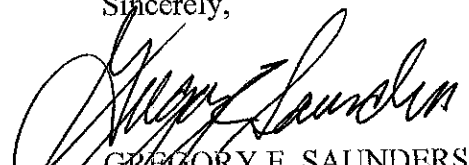
An effective Cost Resolution Values study was conducted in 2008 by OTE. The DoD community and industry have recently developed renewed solution categories. My office is requesting that OTE: 1) validate the solution categories being used, and 2) determine the cost of each solution category used.

The overall purpose of this project is to survey government and industry to provide accurate data so that the DMSMS Guidebook, SD-22, can be updated to meet the cost avoidance and should-cost reporting needs of program managers and DMSMS Management Teams (DMTs) throughout DoD. OTE has been asked to participate in this project because they have been participating in the DoD DMSMS Working Group for a number of years and are familiar with the issues.

For the purpose of conducting the survey, DSPO is prepared to enter into a United States Government Interagency Agreement (IAA) with BIS as well as provide necessary funding and technical support needed. We also suggest that BIS coordinate with other interested parties such as original equipment manufacturers, the Military Departments, and agencies involved with critical infrastructure issues, in order to capture the full impact of DMSMS obsolescence costs.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact DSPO staff member Mr. Alex Melnikow at Alex.Melnikow@dla.mil or 703-767-1415. We appreciate your consideration of this request and are looking forward to the opportunity to working with OTE on this important effort.

Sincerely,


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