



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**Under Secretary for Industry and Security**  
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Mr. Dennis L. D'Angelo, SES, DAF  
Director, 448<sup>th</sup> Supply Chain Management Wing  
Department of the Air Force  
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Dear Mr. D'Angelo:

Thank you for your March 23, 2018 letter requesting support from the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Office of Technology Evaluation (OTE) to conduct a comprehensive survey and assessment of the commercial contractors and subcontractors supporting U.S. Air Force systems including aircraft, aircraft engines, space and communications systems, and subsystems. BIS is prepared to work with your organization on this project to assess the health and competitiveness of the commercial supply chain network which interacts with your critical maintenance, repair, and overhaul activities.

Brad Botwin, Director of Industrial Studies, is my point of contact for this assessment. You may reach him at (202) 482-4060 and via email at [brad.botwin@bis.doc.gov](mailto:brad.botwin@bis.doc.gov). OTE is responsible for conducting industry-wide surveys and assessments under the authority of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and related executive orders. Mr. Botwin will work with your staff to establish an Interagency Agreement between our organizations, and a Statement of Work detailing overall objectives and milestones for this project.

BIS welcomes the opportunity to work with the U.S. Air Force, 448<sup>th</sup> Supply Chain Management Wing on this important project.

Sincerely,

Daniel O. Hill, Acting

