



## Supplier Announcement

# Federal Guidance Regarding COVID-19 Vaccination Protocols

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Valued General Atomics (GA) Supplier,

GA is aware of the recent United States Government directives concerning COVID-19 vaccinations for employees of federal contractors and subcontractors.

President Biden issued "Executive Order on Ensuring Adequate COVID Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors" or EO 14042 on September 9, 2021, which directed the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force to issue vaccine requirement protocols to federal contractors. The task force issued such requirements on September 24, 2021. These requirements are to be incorporated into solicitations expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (SAT) and resulting contracts beginning October 15, 2021. Further, the requirements will be incorporated into all federal contracts exceeding the SAT issued on or after November 14, 2021, whether or not the requirement was included in a solicitation.

For more information, please review the (1) Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) Council "[Issuance of Agency Deviations to Implement Executive Order 14042](#)" memorandum containing the new clause, and (2) the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense memorandum "[Class Deviation—Ensuring Adequate COVID-19 Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors](#)" containing the new Defense FAR Supplement (DFARS) clause, and (3) The Safer Federal workforce [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

GA will begin incorporating the FAR and/or DFARS provision(s) into applicable subcontracts and operational agreements. These mandatory flowdowns are not subject to negotiation and it is the responsibility of the Supplier to comply; including the adjudication of any employee accommodation requests.

Note that this guidance is in addition to previous Department of Defense (DoD) guidance dated September 7, 2021, which required all persons seeking to gain physical access to DoD-sites and DoD-leased spaces to attest to their vaccination status via Department of Defense form [DD Form 3150](#).

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