

# Supplier Newsletter

## SPOTLIGHT

### General Atomics EMALS, AAG Systems Achieves 3,000 Aircraft Launch and Recovery Milestone Aboard USS Gerald R. Ford

SAN DIEGO, CA, 03 JUN 2020 - General Atomics Electromagnetic Systems (GA-EMS) announced today that more than 3,000 catapult launches and landing arrestments using the Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS) and Advanced Arresting Gear (AAG) system have been successfully and safely completed aboard USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78). This milestone marks a significant achievement for the ship and crew, as the Navy moves towards a goal of 8,000 aircraft launches and arrestments during at-sea events scheduled through the end of 2020.

"EMALS and AAG continue to perform as expected as the ship ramps up evolutions towards achieving combat operational readiness," stated Scott Forney, president of GA-EMS. "Both systems' capabilities are being rigorously exercised to meet the daily objectives for cats and traps in support of the various squadrons undergoing carrier qualification (CQ) and training aboard CVN 78. In addition to marking the 3,000 milestone, on May 19, the ship performed 167 successful launches and recoveries in a single day, breaking the previous record of 135. As the only CQ asset regularly available on the East Coast this year, we look forward to EMALS and AAG continuing to meet and exceed performance requirements as more instructors and student pilots come aboard to train and pursue their wings of gold."

**GA thanks the many Suppliers whose high quality products and services have played a role in this important milestone. Read more under 'News & Media'**

<https://www.ga.com/general-atomics-awarded-sustainment-contract-for-ford-class-emals-and-aag>

## COMPLIANCE CORNER

### Representations and Prohibitions Regarding Telecommunications Acquisitions

Over the last few years the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and some agency supplements have seen expansions to support cybersecurity and product integrity. Here are some of the more recent Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses that have been implemented into GA's process:

- FAR 52.204-24 Representation Regarding Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment
- FAR 52.204-25 Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment
- FAR 52.204-26 Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation

As often occurs with changes to FAR, the Department of Defense (DoD) quickly moved to follow with similar clauses in the Defense FAR Supplement (DFARS), adding:

- DFARS 252.204-7016 Covered Defense Telecommunications Equipment or Services—Representation
- DFARS 252.204-7017 Prohibition on the Acquisition of Covered Defense Telecommunications Equipment or Services—Representation
- DFARS 252.204-7018 Prohibition on the Acquisition of Covered Defense Telecommunications Equipment or Services

As part of GA's compliance with these requirements, you may see certain changes in our Ariba© on-boarding tool, solicitation process and in Orders from GA.

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## WELCOME

At our San Diego headquarters, summer is always sunny and bright. As we continue to meet customer commitments and provide essential products and services this summer, we remain focused on health and safety. We appreciate your support in this; and in meeting your commitments to us, now more than ever. Wherever summer takes you, please stay safe and healthy!

## GA AND THE ITER INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROJECT

ITER ("The Way" in Latin) is one of the most ambitious energy projects in the world today.



In southern France, 35 nations are collaborating to build the world's largest tokamak, a magnetic fusion device that has been designed to prove the feasibility of fusion as a large-scale and carbon-free source of energy, based on the same principle that powers our Sun and stars.

The experimental campaign that will be carried out at ITER is crucial to advancing fusion science and preparing the way for the fusion power plants of tomorrow.

ITER will be the first fusion device to produce net energy – the point when the total power produced during a fusion plasma pulse surpasses the thermal power injected to heat the plasma. ITER will also be the first fusion device to demonstrate many of the integrated technologies, materials, and physics regimes necessary for the next step, commercial production of fusion-based electricity.

Thousands of engineers and scientists have contributed to the design of ITER since the idea for an international joint experiment in fusion was first launched in 1985. The ITER Members—China, the European Union, India, Japan, South Korea, Russia and the United States—are now engaged in a collaboration to build and operate the ITER experimental device, and together bring fusion to the point where a demonstration fusion reactor can be designed.

To learn more about your role in supporting GA on the ITER Project, please visit our website: <https://www.ga.com/magnetic-fusion/iter-cs>

## COMPLIANCE CORNER Continued

First, during the on-boarding process you will be asked to represent whether you, as part of your offer, will or will not provide “covered telecommunications equipment or services,” as defined in the FAR 52.204-25. The FAR clause prohibits the purchase of such equipment or services from certain Chinese entities, which will be listed on the excluded parties list in the U.S. Government System for Award Management (SAM.gov).

The DFARS clauses include screening of “covered defense telecommunications equipment or services” and expands the definition of “covered foreign entity” to include Russia. If you represent during the on-boarding process or as part of annual Representation and Certification updates that you will provide equipment or services meeting either definition, you will receive additional guidance in our system.

These clauses ensure that products delivered to our USG customers are free from compromise or devices that might endanger their safe and reliable operation. As we’ve previously told you, cybersecurity and product integrity are critical to our mission.

If you are providing responses in Ariba© or supporting solicitations or Orders containing these clauses, read them carefully, understand your responsibilities, and actively verify and monitor using SAM.gov that you provide equipment and/or services that comply with the Order from GA.

Keep an eye on our newsletter for future updates. Lawmakers are working to broaden this rule while DoD prepares for the potential impact. We will help to keep you informed.

## QUALITY MATTERS

### Cornerstone of Success

GA provides cutting edge products of the highest quality; and to do so, we employ a robust Quality Management System (QMS) that highlights continuous improvement and dedication to best in class standards.

The GA Quality Policy is a directive from top management that is the cornerstone of our QMS. It documents our commitment to quality and the methods by which we achieve it:

- We are committed to developing, producing, delivering, and supporting products that meet or exceed the requirements of our customers.**
- We continually improve our products and process through coordination with our customers, employees, and suppliers.**
- We regularly review our quality objectives and assess risk associated with the Quality Management System to ensure that we maintain customer satisfaction and business focus.**
- We maintain a dedicated, competent workforce and provide them with a safe work environment.**

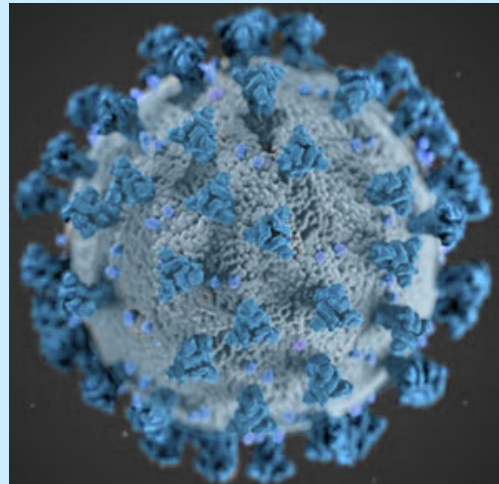
As a valued GA business partner, your commitment to quality plays a key role in meeting these objectives. That’s why our Quality Policy references our coordination with suppliers. It’s also why our Supplier Code of Conduct includes these standards:

- Employ quality assurance processes and best practices that conform to U.S. and international standards; and, support proactive identification of nonconformance and appropriate corrective action to ensure delivery of quality products or services to GA that meet or exceed contract requirements.
- Employ counterfeit electronic part detection and avoidance programs, and provide required documentation to authenticate reliability and conformity.

We appreciate your continued focus on quality and commitment to its objectives.

## SUPPLIER FOCUS

GA continues to monitor the developing COVID-19 situation. While GA is operating normally, Employees and suppliers are advised to continue to take all necessary precautions for health and safety. GA is taking the following actions until further notice:



- **Travel/Meetings:** All non-essential business travel and in-person meetings have been suspended by GA. Use of teleconference and/or web-based meetings is recommended.
- **GA Facility Visitors:** All visitors of GA may be verbally prescreened upon arrival for symptoms of COVID-19. At certain GA facilities, all individuals will be subject to a temperature screen. Those individuals who have a temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius) will not be permitted access. Any individual who suspects he/she is ill should not visit a GA facility, especially if the individual is experiencing any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, muscle pain, headache, chills, repeated shaking with chills, sore throat, and/or new loss of taste or smell.
- **Facial Coverings:** All visitors must wear a facial covering while on a GA facility.
- **On-site Suppliers/Collaborators:** All Suppliers/Collaborators’ are to follow his/her respective GA host’s instructions regarding reporting to work at a GA facility. If the host instructs the individual to report to a GA facility, and such instruction does not conflict with direction from the individual’s employer, the individual must take necessary precautions when working on-site to protect the health and well-being of the individual and others. Any suspicion of illness should be taken seriously, and the individual must not report to work at a GA facility if the individual is experiencing any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, muscle pain, headache, chills, repeated shaking with chills, sore throat, and/or new loss of taste or smell.

If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or you believe that you have been exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 and have recently visited any of our facilities, please immediately notify GA’s HR Department at 1-858-455-3075.

GA may update procedures as the situation progresses; please refer to COVID-19 Visitor Information for the latest procedures.

As a high technology and high concept provider of Defense and Energy solutions, GA is uniquely positioned for growth and success. Global progress through technology remains our mission; and, your commitments are not lost on us.

Remember to contact your Purchasing Representative about any questions regarding open Orders or your continued performance. Your Purchasing Representative is your primary point of contact.

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