Contract Flowdowns for Aviation, Space, and Defense

In order to flow down customer requirements to the supplier, RFMW has generated this form as a convenient way to flow down these requirements without consistently repeating each item individually on the various purchase orders. When required, this document will be referenced as RF-QAR-0001 on the purchase order in lieu of listing each item individually.

1) Quality Management System – The supplier's Quality Management System shall be in compliance with the current version of ISO 9001 or AS9100. The QMS must be supported by a third-party certification, which will be requested during the annual surveillance audit.

2) Product Change Notices (PCN's) – The supplier shall notify RFMW of any proposed changes to products including changes in design, fabrication, test methods or processes, materials, and changes which may affect form, fit and/or function. The supplier shall also notify RFMW of any anticipated part obsolesce.

3) Record Retention – The supplier shall retain quality, contract, manufacturing, and process control records for a minimum of 7 years, unless a longer period is specified in the RFMW purchase order. The records shall be made available, upon request.

4) With prior notice, and by mutual agreement, RFMW, and its customers, shall have right of access to the suppliers' quality management system documentation, all applicable records, and all facilities involved in the execution of the RFMW purchase order, at any level within the supply chain.

5) Foreign Object Elimination – The material supplied on the purchase order shall be free of foreign objects and manufactured in an environment that is free of foreign objects. The supplier shall establish and maintain an effective Foreign Object Damage (FOD) Prevention Program, using NAS412 as a guideline.

6) Non-conforming Material – The supplier shall have a nonconforming material system that includes provisions to identify, segregate, and control nonconforming material to ensure the seller shall not ship non-conforming material without prior written approval from RFMW and its customer. The supplier shall notify RFMW, within 24 hours, of any potential shipment which may have included defective product.

7) Counterfeit Material – The supplier shall maintain a Counterfeit Item risk mitigation process internally and with its suppliers using SAE AS5553 as a guide. The supplier shall participate in the Government Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP) monitoring and acting on GIDEP reports which affect product delivered to the buyer. The supplier shall immediately notify RFMW with the pertinent facts if Seller becomes aware or suspects that items delivered in accordance with the purchase order are or contain suspect or confirmed counterfeit items.

This document contains the contractual requirements as referenced in various Aviation, Space, and Defense contracts.