

GENERAL DYNAMICS Ordinance and Tactical Systems	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA		
	SUPPLIER QUALITY CLAUSE		
TITLE	QUALITY CLAUSE	REVISION	EFFECTIVE DATE
KEY CHARACTERISTICS	S16	2	OCTOBER 14, 2025
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1.0 REFERENCES

N/A

2.0 REQUIREMENTS

At the request of General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems (GD-OTS), the subcontractor shall work with GD-OTS to determine key characteristics. The subcontractor shall review any key characteristics provided by GD-OTS and identify any additional subcontractor identified characteristics for the item(s) and/or services associated with the applicable subcontract/Purchase Order (PO). The list shall be resubmitted to GD-OTS whenever updates and/or revisions are made.

2.1 KEY CHARACTERISTICS

A key characteristic is a controllable feature, property, or attribute for which a tightened limit, within the required technical data limits, results in measurable improvement or consistency of performance. The key characteristic list(s) shall include the following information at a minimum:

1. Name of subcontractor or sub-tier subcontractor
2. The revision and/or revision date of the key characteristic list
3. Part number
4. Part description
5. Part defect classification number (CD) per specification if applicable
6. Description of controllable feature, property, or attribute
7. Normal sampling or monitoring level requirement of process, inspection, or test for each key characteristic per specification
8. Tightened limit, sampling, or monitoring level of process, inspection, or test for each key characteristic identified
9. Supporting data and rationale for identifying each key characteristic

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3.0 QUALITY CLAUSE DELIVERABLES (QCD)

Microsoft Office or PDF formats are preferred. All subcontractor data submittals shall be in English. These data items shall be submitted to GD-OTS in accordance with the QCD as indicated below. The method of submission to GD-OTS St. Petersburg is specified in the General Supplier Quality Clause “S1” **Section 3.0 Subcontractor Data Submission Instructions**. Unless otherwise agreed upon, deliverables required within this QCD contain CUI and must be marked and transmitted in accordance with DoDI 5200.48, “Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI).”

NO.	TITLE	CUI	GD-OTS APPROVAL REQUIRED	SUBMITTAL TIMING/FREQUENCY
S16-1	Key Characteristic List	Yes	Yes	Unless otherwise directed in the subcontract/PO or Special Instructions document provided by GD-OTS; QCD is due 60 days prior to production, First Article (FA), or Physical Configuration Audit (PCA), whichever comes first.

4.0 REVISION HISTORY

REV	DATE	CHANGE
0	06/09/2023	ECN23315-Initial Release
1	01/11/2024	CUI Updates
2	10/14/2025	Remove the Quality Clause website link in Section 3.0