

EFCOG Supply Chain Quality Task Team Conference Call Minutes



September 20, 2023

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Attendance: **49**

Red font = New or action items/Green font = reminders

1. Supplier Database Access (Slides 4-9)

- Slides provide information for using the new Master Supplier List (MSL).
 - If your supplier is not in MSL, please contact Kristin Bell for assistance to assure consistency with supplier information
 - Continue to fill out cost avoidances. This will help justify continued support for MSL
 - Please keep your supplier information in the MSL up-to-date
 - *Be sure you are filling out all fields when entering new assessments, check for existence before entering a new supplier, CAR closure included. Owners will be contacted for clarity if an entry is not clear*
 - *Common Errors included on slide – Please be mindful of what you are entering. Assure it is complete and usable to another user.*
- *For assistance, email msslupport@sandia.gov

2. Upcoming Conferences / Workshops (Slide 10)

- Reviewed upcoming conferences/workshops. Most workshops/conferences are virtual instead of in person.
- *See slides for new events scheduled
- 10/16-20: Auditor training listed twice (Corrected)

3. Industry Supplier Issues / Feedback (Slides 11-14)

- Slides provide recent GIDEP SC/I Notifications
- *Remember to share information and avoid supplier relationship strains associated with multiple/duplicated audits.
- *Remember NOT to tell suppliers they will not be audited for 3 years if in MSL (other sites could require different standards, or the audit material may not be acceptable for some sites)
- *Remember to include SMEs (DOT packaging, welding) on supplier audits (not a requirement, but a good practice)
- Via Gabby: Based on the report you listed (KDJ-A-23-01) I have gathered the following information: The manufacturer is: Vishay Thin Film LLC 2160 Liberty Dr. Niagara Falls, NY 14304-3727. The supplier is: NetSource Technology, Inc. 951 Calle Negocio San Clemente, CA 92673 The report originator is MTI Motion. MTI Motion is a wholly owned operating company within the Steel Partners (NYSE: SPLP) family of companies and is headquartered in Pleasant Prairie, WI, with facilities worldwide.

Ensure sites review GIDEP alerts and make sure they haven't procured the same items

4. Interface Representative(s) Update (Slide 15)

- Safety Working Group - Engineering Practices Subgroup (EPSG): None
- Supply Chain Management Center: None
- Packaging Management Council: *Remember that they have people that can support audits*
- EFCOG Software QA Task Team: *If interested in joining, contact Christy, or Teri* None
- EFCOG Policy & Procedures Task Team: None
- EFCOG Procurement Engineering Quality: None
- NNSA: Remove Jim Winter (Complete)
- EM-3.113 EM QA: None
- Office of Science: None
- EHSS: None
- PSL: None
- SC/I: Gabby Holcomb – gabrielle.holcomb@hq.doe.gov None
- Others: None

5. EFCOG Safety Working Group (Slides 16-18)

- EFCOG Safety Working Group Organizational Structure & SWG Tech Subgroup Chairs.

- Note: Contractor Assurance System (CAS) which used to be under Integrated Safety Management (ISM) has been elevated to a higher level.

6. Supply Chain Project Updates (Slides 19-31)

- Cost Avoidance Tracking

Cost avoidances have gone up by 3 since last month to 15

Note: Continue to put in cost avoidances. There is a positive trend so far. It has been made easy if detailed information is not desired to be disclosed, you can add a lump sum on one side in the miscellaneous field (what it would have cost the team to go) and a lump sum on the other side in the miscellaneous field (what it costs you to do the 3rd party review)

- MSL Data Metrics

- MSL User Engagement

Consistent rise in the number of suppliers and entries as well as an increase in user engagement

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- Task SC-17-03: DOE EM Single Approved Supplier List – No updates
- Task SC-21-01 – Expand NNSA, DOE EM, & DOE Office Of Science (OOS) Shared Supply Base – No updates
- Task SC-22-01 – SCQWG & FAQ Web Page Management – No updates
- Task SC-22-03 – Supplier Performance Metrics

Lisa: sent Bill information and is waiting to hear back. May need to meet again

- Task SC-23-01 – MSL Broadcasting

Amber was able to meet with the Small Business Advocates team.

Have not yet been able to post to the internal Sandia Restricted Network (SRN) site. Socialized access to MSL by small business teams.

- Task SC-23-02 – MSL Expanded Data

Adding additional suppliers that may be undergoing tabletop assessments

Offered risk assessments to other NSE sites through MSL. Potential issue: possible headcount and funding reductions. May be unable to dedicate a person to do assessments and upload to MSL

Vincent Grosso: Who is dealing with the “belt tightening?” – NNSA-wide (per Amber).

Amber will be unable to dedicate a person to perform vendor background checks for other NSE sites

Ron Natali: September: received email touting NNSA budget was going to increase by 8% - conflicts with what Amber is hearing. Where is this coming from? Get concrete information.

<https://ww2.aip.org/fyi/fy24-budget-outlook-national-nuclear-security-administration>

Thank you to Ron Natali for providing this link. The budget/headcount reductions are more localized than what I thought during the meeting, so my statements were “overstated”. Sandia will be impacted by DOD cuts and is also trying to brace for any DOE cuts such as those expected for Office of Science (see other articles from same URL). At this time our Mission Support areas which include SCRM activities that support vendor background check are refrained from growth.

- Task SC-23-03 – Inspection Techniques

Currently updating inspection training materials to share with other sites. Wish to include more improved interactive slide training

- Task SC-23-04 – Multi-Site Assessment Schedule

7. Audit Opportunities Update (Slide 32-34)

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- Reviewed schedules through 2022

*Any additional updates, please email Bill or Kristin to have added to the slides

*We would like to get away from having this information in the slide presentation and allow it to be managed within MSL. More information to come on that.

8. Old/New Business (Slides 35-47)

- Project Update (Common Suppliers)
- EFCOG SCQWG
- Supply Chain POC List – Changes should be sent to Veronica Ballew (veronica.ballew@wipp.ws)
- Proposed additions to NAP-24B (401.1A)
- S/CI Line of Inquiry in Checklists –*Reminder to add in questions during assessments*
- Supplier ISO Certification Validation/Verifications – *Reference pages only – Any updates send to Bill Wingfield or Kristin Bell*
- Recent Complex Organizational Moves – *Keeping slides just as reminders – Any updates send to Bill Wingfield or Kristin Bell*
- Future EFCOG ISM & QA Working Group Meetings
- Fall EFCOG Meeting @ Your Desk Agenda

If you have speakers or topics, please send this information to Bill and/or Vince.

9. Discussion and Close Out (Slides 48-End)

- Joint Supplier Audit Pre-Planning
- EFCOG Meeting Improvements
- MSL Requests/Information

Additional Information:

Article pertaining to counterfeit parts in airplanes:

<https://fortune.com/2023/09/18/united-plane-engine-parts>

9/8/2023 Southwest Airlines is first major carrier to confirm removing an engine part that may have been fake, as supplier scandal grows.

10/3/2023 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm EST In person at Clara Barton Auditorium 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA or Virtual Roundtable:

Future Strategies in Anti-Counterfeiting and Anti-Piracy. Conference hosted by United States Patent and Trademark Office

<https://cvent.me/Kn0zkB>.

Must register by 9/27/2023 2:00pm ET.