

The container(s) NIINs listed in this solicitation, have been designated as an Acquisition Method Code (AMC) of 1C OR 2C. Therefore, this part requires engineering source approval by the design control activity in order to maintain the quality of the container(s). An alternate source must qualify as an approved by the cognizant Government engineering activity.

A valid/Approved source approval request must be on file with the design control activity. Sources seeking qualification to manufacture the container(s) for Government, must submit a SAR (Source Approval Request) and granted approval by the design control activity, before any proposals can be considered to be technically acceptable.

A SAR for supplier qualification may be submitted under two categories:

1. **Same Container:** The submitted SAR package shall demonstrate the vendor's ability to successfully manufacture production units and deliver the units to an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) or other Government agency within the last five (5) years.
2. **Similar Container:** The submitted SAR package shall demonstrate the supplier's ability to successfully manufacture production units and deliver the units to an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) or other Government agency within the last five (5) years. A similar container in this context is one whose design, application, operating parameters, material and manufacturing process required are similar to those of the container for which you are seeking source approval. If a SAR is submitted for a similar container, the similar container shall be of identical characteristics including sealed metal, non-sealed metal, sealed plastic, or non-sealed plastic.

If you are unsure if you have a current approved SAR Package on file with the design control activity for this NIIN and/or a NIIN of similar complexity or if you have additional question regarding the SAR Approval Process, please contact the POC listed in box 5b of the solicitation.

Source Approval Request Policy for Reusable Shipping & Storage Container Procurements

1. NAVSUP WSS, Code N241, as NAVAIR's Cognizant Field Activity (CFA) for the design and procurement of non-ordnance reusable shipping and storage containers, has established the enclosed policy regarding Source Approval Request (SAR) Packages as it applies to assets within the cognizance of NAVSUP WSS Code N241. This process ensures the approved sources conform to a standard of technical and manufacturing expertise, as well as quality control for NAVSUP WSS requirements.

2. All solicitations will contain provisions allowing existing sources to request a waiver of the SAR requirements. The contractor who wishes to have the SAR requirements waived for a specific contract must submit their request to the Contracting Officer in accordance with the SAR waiver request procedures contained in the solicitation.

3. The decision to approve or deny a source approval request rests solely with the Government. A denial of a SAR or SAR waiver must be a reasonable written denial justifying the decision. The justification will be provided to the Contracting Officer, who will in turn communicate the decision to the contractor. A SAR or SAR waiver may be denied by, but not limited to, any of the following reasons:

- a. The contractor has not submitted a complete SAR package for N241 review;
- b. The contractor has not successfully manufactured and delivered an acceptable production unit identical or similar to the container called for in the solicitation within the past five years;
- c. The contractor has previous unsatisfactory site survey results;
- d. The contractor has a history of late/modified delivery on greater than 25% of previous contracts;
- e. The contractor has unsatisfactory supplier ratings;
- f. The contractor has a quality program that does not meet contract requirements;
- g. The contractor has incomplete/inaccurate process/operation sheets;

- h. The contractor does not possess the required tooling, test equipment, calibration, etc.;
- i. The contractor has submitted waivers/deviations/ECPs on greater than 25% of previous contracts;
- j. The contractor has a record of unfavorable quality history with QDRs filed by the Government for greater than 25% of contracts.
- k. The contractor processes, production methods, inspection procedures, equipment or sub-contractors used do not meet drawing and/or contract requirements;
- l. On a case-by-case basis, NAVSUP WSS Code N241 reserves the right to waive SAR requirements at any time it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Government

SOURCE APPROVAL REQUESTS CHECKLIST

APPENDIX A

For a complete description as to what your Source Approval Request (SAR) should contain, refer to the detailed information found in Part 1 of this brochure. Submit the data arranged to correlate to the Category applicable to the SAR, either SAME CONTAINER (Category I) or SIMILAR CONTAINER (Category II).

1. Cover letter with:
 - a. Your company's name
 - b. Address
 - c. Telephone number
 - d. CAGE
 - e. State the category under which your SAR is being submitted and include:
 - i. Prime Contractor's name, address and CAGE,
 - ii. Part number (dash number if applicable) and revision
 - iii. Nomenclature
 - iv. National Stock Number (NSN)
 - f. If Category II, you may submit one or more similar containers; include the following additional information:
 - i. Part Number and revision
 - ii. Nomenclature
 - iii. NSN
 - iv. Private or Government Agency supplied
 - g. Company point of contact.

- h. A synopsis outlining your firm's capabilities, facilities, experience, and equipment list. For all equipment used in the manufacture of the qualification part, outline the accuracy, size, capability and precision of the equipment. A description of your quality program and any industry standard it meets (i.e., MIL-I-45208, MIL- Q-9858, ISO 9002, etc.). Brochures and/or web address should be sent with your first submission.
2. A copy of your current supplier rating with a prime manufacturer, e.g., Pratt & Whitney, General Electric, or Boeing; as well as the supplier rating related to the latest contract for the subject container, or for the similar container if submitting a Category II request. Include the actual audit data sheets. Ensure time/date stamp is visible.
2. One time submittal: Provide a copy of your Quality Control Manual. Update as required.
3. Inspection Method Sheets for subject part number if Category I, or similar part if Category II. Ensure drawing part number, dimensions, tolerance, and measured dimensions are included. Sheets must be authenticated by a quality stamp; no blanks accepted.
4. Copies of all complete current configuration drawings, engineering change orders, test procedures and the top sheet of all applicable specifications. For Category II requests, provide drawings, ECO, and any other pertinent technical data for the container for which you are seeking approval and the similar container which forms the basis of your request.
5. A complete copy of the Process/Operation sheets, including detailed sketches for the container, (if Category I) or similar container (if Category II). Please include a description of standard shop practices, (e.g. cleaning), welder certifications, welding procedure specifications, etc.
6. A complete copy of the Purchase Orders/Shipping Documents/Waiver requests/Deviation

Requests related to the latest contract for the subject container, or for the similar container if Category II. Include deficiencies discovered by DCMA and any corresponding corrective action. Must provide DCMA point of contact information.

7. A complete listing of sub-vendors, including material sources, and the processes (such as forging, casting, heat treating, etc.) they will perform for the subject part. Include processes to be performed at your facility.
8. Complete copy of Material Review Board (MRB) actions and incoming material certifications on subject part if Category I, or similar part if Category II. This data should include resolutions and reflect all actions for the latest contract. Include data relative to sub-vendors, actions and resolutions, when applicable.
9. Complete copy of related container shipping documents, number of defects and parts scrapped.
10. For a Category II submittal, describe the differences between the similar and the container for which you are requesting approval.