APPROVED PROCESS SOURCE – F/A-18 PROGRAM

Seller and / or Seller's subcontract process sources shall be an approved processor or shall use approved processors as required by D1-4426, "Approved Process Sources". A list of the approved processors and associated processes are available from Buyer's Procurement Representative or at: [http://www.boeing.com/companyoffices/doingbiz/d14426/index.html](http://www.boeing.com/companyoffices/doingbiz/d14426/index.html)

This clause shall be included in Seller's subcontracts for work performed under this purchase contract that involves D1-4426 processes. A Certificate of Conformance and / or equivalent Process Certificate, signed by an authorized agent of the Processor / Seller shall be maintained by Seller. The certificate shall include contract number, part number(s), Trace Number (as applicable), Process Specification number w/revision, processing date(s) and name and address of the Processor(s) performing each D1-4426 Process(es). Buyer approval of any processor shall not relieve Seller of Seller's requirement to comply with the terms of this contract.

The following items are provided for the unique allowances to Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation (NGSC).

Note: Additional unique allowances or modifications to this clause may be documented in the Buyer's Supplier Statement of Work which is a part of this Contract.

1. NGSC suppliers and their subcontractors who provide special processing shall be those approved processors listed in Boeing D1-4426 or National Aerospace Defense Contractors Accreditation Program (NADCAP) accredited or on NGSC Approved Special Processor Listing (ASPL) list.

2. For non-critical goods and services (i.e.: not identified as critical goods & services for the purposes of this contract), the Buyer preference is that the Seller and the Seller's subcontractors use Boeing Approved Processor Listing (APL) suppliers. However, if Seller, or Seller's Major Subcontractors or Major Design suppliers elect to use a source not on the Boeing APL, NGSC, ASPL, or are not NADCAP accredited, Seller and/or Seller's subcontractor are authorized to use their own special process sources provided that alternate sources are qualified, approved and able to meet subcontractor requirements and there is objective evidence to support the same.

3. Any special processing per D1-4426 conducted at NGSC does not require Boeing approval.

4. NGSC will include in their internal process audits special processing (per D1-4426) that is conducted at NGSC.

5. NGSC will include the requirements of this special contract condition (only those paragraphs applicable to NGSC suppliers/ subcontractors) in all their subcontractor contracts that support this contract.

6. Boeing will notify NGSC, via Interface Coordination Memo (ICM), when a D1-4426 processing source is placed on probation or disapproved.

7. When notified by Boeing or a NGSC subcontractor of goods and services not conforming to all processing requirements NGSC will use their Boeing approved Material Review Board (MRB) system to document and control such goods and services.

8. A Certificate of Conformance and/or equivalent Process Certificate shall be made available to the Buyer upon request.