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MEMORANDUM FOR BUREAU PROCUREMENT CHIEFS

FROM: H.B. Myers
Assistant Director
Procurement Policy and Review Group

SUBJECT: Purchase of Uniforms and Body Armor

This office has received a couple of inquiries recently concerning priority sources for the purchase of body armor. The attached memorandum from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration to Federal Prison Industries advises FPI of the Attorney General's suggestion that they consider undertaking the manufacture of all or part of the uniforms for the components that require them. The memorandum also states the Attorney General's determination that our law enforcement agencies should be allowed to purchase soft body armor in the private marketplace.

As we learn more about the FPI efforts to manufacture uniform components, we will keep you advised. FPI will become the Department's priority source for the uniform items they manufacture so you should check on the availability of any uniform items from FPI before going to other sources.

Attachment



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Steve Schwalb
Assistant Director
Industries, Education, and Vocational Training
Bureau of Prisons

FROM: Stephen R. Colgate
Assistant Attorney General
for Administration

SUBJECT: Manufacture of Uniforms for DOJ Employees

As you know, there are various employees within the Department of Justice who are required to wear uniforms on a regular, or intermittent basis. I am writing at the Attorney General's suggestion that Federal Prison Industries consider undertaking the manufacture of all or part of those uniforms for those components that require them. To my knowledge, there are uniforms in the FBI; DEA, USMS, INS, and BOP. While the Attorney General has determined that our law enforcement agencies should be allowed to purchase soft body armor in the private marketplace, her considerations and decision in that area do not carry over to the manufacture of ordinary clothing. I have discussed this matter with both the Attorney General and the DIAP, and they are happy to support the manufacture of various Department of Justice uniforms by Federal Prison Industries.

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