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## DCMA Product Assurance Personnel – Critical Partners in the Positive Progress of UID

 Since its inception, the UID program has been steadily evolving toward success. Its ever changing business rules and processes have been developed through collaborative efforts between industry and DoD. The contractors have gotten the message loud and clear that UID is a key netcentric solution for accountability of assets in the near future of the Department.

The registry numbers speak for themselves. As of May 3, 2006, there are 192,092 entries into the UID registry many of which are there because contractors have made a conscious commitment to change their processes and mark and record parts even without the DFARS clause in the contract.

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So long as a mark does not affect the form, fit or function of a part, our product assurance personnel need to insure that parts that are UID marked are accepted regardless of whether the clause requiring the mark is in the contract. Our assistance in this effort is critically important toward accountability success, because once the part is marked and identified in the registry it remains so until it is dispositioned from DoD inventory.

 We need to maintain a continuous dialogue with the contractors to see where they stand with the implementation of the UID marking process requirement. If we understand how and when they are converting over to the requirement, there should not be surprises at the point of final acceptance.