Key Concepts

The key concepts of GIDEP are sharing information and connectivity between government and industry associates. GIDEP is the centralized source of critical types of information essential to many projects and programs. Information in an ALERT can help your organization avoid thousands of dollars in lost productivity, increase customer confidence and sometimes even avoid catastrophic loss of life or systems. In other cases loss of source for parts and components restricts manufacturing capacity and for systems having 10 to 40 year life expectancy, loss of logistics support for sustainability. Organizations participating in GIDEP agree to supply appropriate types of information such as parts related engineering and management reports.

Information Source

GIDEP is a source of information, thoughtfully provided by others with the concept of avoiding duplication of engineering, testing and technical effort by original equipment manufacturers. Over the years program managers and contractors have avoided spending 100’s of millions of dollars to resolve unplanned effort requiring additional testing, engineering, quality assurance, manufacturing, logistic support and administrative costs.

Many departments and agencies provide guidance to their acquisition and support activities concerning participation in GIDEP and the sharing of parts and systems related information through the GIDEP information system. The government activities shown in this paper have issued guidance to their activities and contractors for participation in and use of GIDEP.
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Federal Acquisition Regulations

FAR Part 46, Quality Assurance, September 2001

The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 46, Paragraph 407, Non-Conforming Supplies or Services, requires that contracting officers ordinarily reject nonconforming products when the nonconformance adversely affects safety, health, reliability, durability, performance, interchangeability, or other contract objectives. Such products, if not detected, can compromise defense and other agency missions, result in unanticipated replacement, repair or maintenance costs, and jeopardize public safety and health. Nonconforming products often result from the failure of suppliers to adequately control quality and in some instances from criminal intent.

Office of Federal Procurement Policy

Policy Letter 91-3, April 9, 1991

All U.S. government Federal Departments and agencies shall review existing programs or, where necessary, establish new programs to assure the quality of purchased products and materials. Information shall be exchanged among agencies about non-conforming products. The existing Government/Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP) operated by the Department of Defense will serve as the central data base for receiving and disseminating information about such products.

Department of Defense

DoD Regulation 4140.1-R, Supply Chain Materiel Management Regulation, 23 May 2003

C1.1.1. This Regulation implements DoD Directive 4140.1 (reference (a)) and establishes requirements and procedures for DoD materiel managers and others who need to work within or with the DoD supply system.

C3.6.2.2.5. Ensuring that DMSMS information is effectively communicated and exchanged within the Department of Defense, with other Government organizations, and with industry through the maximum use of alerts and the Government-Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP).

C3.6.2.5. The DoD Components shall send to the cognizant IMM the information that was originally obtained from industrial sources about an actual or prospective announcement of a manufacturer's intent to stop production. This information shall allow DMSMS broadcast alerts to be generated, if applicable. The cognizant IMM shall notify the GIDEP to establish a DMSMS case.

Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Knowledge Sharing System (AKSS) Version 1.0

Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Knowledge Sharing System (AKSS) Version 1.0 replaces the deskbook reference library of policy documents. AKSS version 1 will use the deskbook web-address. The deskbook and all legacy functions will run on AKSS. [This system replaces the Defense Acquisition Deskbook.]
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Government Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP)
The Government Industry Data Exchange Program should be used by both program offices and contractors.
Costs associated with participation in GIDEP (e.g. personnel, computer resources, telephone, travel) are necessary and allowable as an integral part of normal engineering or manufacturing operations.

U.S. Army

AMC-R 70-56, Research, Development, and Acquisition, (Government Industry Data Exchange Program),
29 January 1987

This regulation describes the applicability, objectives, policies, and responsibilities of the U.S. Army Material Command (AMC) participation in the Government Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP)

This regulation applies to Headquarters, U.S. Army Material Command (HQ AMC); and AMC major subordinate commands (MSC), installations, activities, depots, laboratories, and project/product managers that have responsibility for aspects or total life cycle management of Army material.

U.S. Navy

SecNavInst 5200.39A, Participation in the Government Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP),
23 December 2005

All Naval and Marine Corps Systems Commands, shore activities and program offices, directly engaged in research, design, development, testing, production, procurement, maintenance or logistics support of Naval and Marine Corps systems and material (including procurement of spares and supply items) shall participate in GIDEP.

U.S. Air Force


This regulation and AFR 800-20 provide for the exchange of data between Air Force Systems Command (AFSC) and Air Force Logistics Command (AFLC) activities and GIDEP. This regulation supports the Air Force Reliability and Maintainability program, the Air Force Defective Parts and Components Control Program (DPCCP), and Diminishing Manufacturing Sources and Material Shortages (DMSMS) Program. It applies to AFSC and AFLC activities involved in acquisition, contracting, manufacturing, research and development, modification, reliability, quality assurance, and logistics management of systems or equipment.

AF Instruction 63-501, Air Force Acquisition Quality Program, 13 May 1994

Analyze available quality information on parts, materials or components before approving their use in proposed systems or equipment. (NOTE: Exploit available sources of this information, including the Defective Parts and Components Control Program and the Government-Industry Data Exchange Program.)
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National Aeronautics and Space Administration


This NASA Procedural Requirements (NPR) document applies to NASA Headquarters, NASA Centers, including Component Facilities, Technical and Service Support Centers, and to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) or to other contractors or international partners only to the extent specified or referenced in applicable contracts, grants, or agreements.

It is imperative that NASA activities be cognizant of part and material problems, and unsafe conditions that might adversely effect NASA missions. NPR 8735.1C identifies the requirements to control nonconforming products and to perform corrective and preventative actions. This NASA Procedures and Guidelines document describes the additional requirements for the exchange of data concerning significant parts, materials, software, and safety problems internal and external to NASA. This document provides the procedures for the preparation, distribution, and closeout of Government-Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP) Alerts (AL), GIDEP Safe-Alerts (SA), GIDEP Problem Advisories (PA), and GIDEP Agency Action Notices (AAN), as well as NASA Advisories. Refer to NPR 8735.1C, Appendix A for definitions of these documents.


This NASA Policy Directive (NPD) is to control risk and enhance reliability in NASA flight and critical ground support/test systems, in part, by managing the selection, acquisition, traceability, testing, handling, packaging, storage and application. NASA Safety and Mission Assurance shall ensure that effective processes and controls are in place for parts and materials within NASA programs and projects and at NASA Centers. Assurance methods include auditing, conducting program reviews, and establishing and tracking performance parameters. NPD 8730.2C goes hand in hand with NPR 8735.1C to integrate NASA Agency-wide policy and procedures to fulfill GIDEP implementation.

Department of Transportation—Federal Aviation Administration

DOT/FAA Order 4470.2, 2 April 1993

This order establishes and assigns responsibilities; additionally, it provides uniform procedures for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) participation in the Government-Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP). The provisions of this order are applicable to systems of the National Airspace System (NAS), equipment, construction projects, and material acquisition.
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Contract Clause and Data Item Descriptions

The following paragraph was extracted from SECNAVINST 5200.39 and is provided for GIDEP members use in applying GIDEP to government contracts or for contractors to insert the contract clause in contracts with their subcontractors.

SAMPLE GIDEP PROGRAM CONTRACT CLAUSE

In each contract executed for the design, development, testing, production and/or support of mission related materiel that exceeds $500,000 in total estimated value, and when GIDEP participation is determined to be justified, a clause similar to the following, tailored if need be to meet specific requirements, shall be included:

GIDEP PROGRAM

A. The contractor shall participate in the Government-Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP) under the latest revision of GIDEP Requirements Guide, NAVSEA S0300-BU-GYD-010. GIDEP is an invaluable tool in the government’s war against inefficiency, and is limited to participating activities. GIDEP will retain and provide data and/or reports provided in compliance with this contract on a privileged basis. Compliance with the provisions of this clause shall not relieve the contractor from complying with other provisions of the contract.

B. The contractor agrees to insert paragraph A. of this clause in any subcontract hereunder exceeding $500,000. When so inserted, the word "Contractor" shall be changed to "Subcontractor."

DATA ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

The following Data Item Descriptions are active and may be used for including GIDEP in contracts.


“The Government Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP) utilization report provides participant’s reduction or elimination of unplanned expenditure from the use of information.

ALERT/SAFE-ALERT: DID: DI-QCIC-80125B, Dated: 5 May 2003

“The Alert/Safe Alert Report provides the government with information concerning nonconforming items, supplies, and services or safety problems which have adversely impacted, or has potential to adversely impact a Government-funded program(s). This interchange of information will help eliminate instances where individual agencies or their contractors acquire supplies and services previously identified as nonconforming by other agencies.

RESPONSE TO AN ALERT/SAFE-ALERT: DID: DI-QCIC-80126B, Dated: 5 May 2003

“The Response to the GIDEP alert/safe-alert provides information on the applicability and impact of the nonconforming supplies and services regarding the effect of the failure on systems/equipment function, mission, or safety condition.

Note: Copies of Data Item Descriptions may be obtained at: http://astimage.daps.dla.mil
Participation

PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY

(1) A U.S. or Canadian government agency.
(2) A U.S. or Canadian business, which directly or indirectly provides equipment, material, or services under a U.S. or Canadian government contract or purchase agreement.

COST

There are no fees or assessments for participating in GIDEP. Each participating organization must establish an internal program to include at least one appointed GIDEP Representative and one or more users authorized to access the database.

HOW TO JOIN

You can apply on-line at www.gidep.org or call the GIDEP Help Desk at (951) 898-3207.

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