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Attention all Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS) SPARS users,

Starting January 2, 2018, IBM will implement a Multifactor Authentication (MFA) implementation process as a result of DFAR 252.204-7012 (<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/dfars/html/current/252204.htm#252.204-7012>), which requires Internet facing applications to use techniques that are defined in NIST SP 800.171 Chapter 3.5.3 (<http://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/SpecialPublications/NIST.SP.800-171r1.pdf>), such as Multifactor Authentication.

This change is being implemented at no additional cost to your company.

After logging in with your normal SPARS username and password, the new Multifactor Authentication screen will prompt users to enter a one-time use code sent to either a mobile phone as a text message or to a valid email address. Once the one-time use code has been received, the user will enter it into the new MFA screen, granting access to the usual SPARS main menu page. This new MFA step will be required at each login attempt. A training guide will be sent to all SPARS users, prior to implementation. We recommend all SPARS users go into User Services and update their User Information to reflect a current mobile phone number and email address.

Please direct any questions or concerns to the NNS SPARS Administration Group who can be reached by email at SPARS@hij-nns.com

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Thanks for your cooperation,

The NNS SPARS Administration Group