March 2, 2020

Trusted Shipbuilding Partners,

On January 20, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus (COVID-19) a public health emergency of international concern. As the virus continues to spread around the globe, often with tragic results, Newport News Shipbuilding is aware of the potential impacts on your business and the sub-tier suppliers you rely on to meet current and planned shipbuilding requirements.

We are appreciative of the suppliers who have already identified critical interruptions and risks in their supply chain and who are actively working to lessen the severity of the Coronavirus. Newport News Shipbuilding expects to see further changes in travel advisories and bans, public health regulations and potentially additional closings of factories and other industrial operations that may play central roles to your business areas. Current impacts are expected to last well into the 2nd quarter of 2020. We are requesting that each of you conduct a thorough review of the Coronavirus and how it may impact your ability to complete workload in support of Newport News Shipbuilding. Early identification, communication and insertion of steps to mitigate the effects of this public health crisis will be key to maintaining our global supply chains and allowing the shipbuilding process to continue on schedule.

Please respond by Monday, March 23, 2020 with an update on your company’s risk potential specific to products provided to Newport News Shipbuilding. We are specifically interested in global impacts to your supply chain, and immediate impacts to specific purchase order/line items (POLI) currently open. Please include POLI detail in your response if immediate impacts are unavoidable. Email replies to SupplierData@hii-nns.com on or before March 23.

We look forward to working closely with each of you to monitor the effects of this virus and implement appropriate measures to mitigate its impact.

Sincerely,

Bryan Caccavale
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