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STOCKPILE ISSUES NEW QUARTZ CRYSTALS SOLICITATION

Fort Belvoir, VA - The Defense National Stockpile Center today announced the issuance of Invitation for Bids, DLA-QUARTZ CRYSTALS-001 for the sale of approximately 216,648 pounds of quartz crystals, in Fiscal Year 2003.

The initial bids are to be submitted by 2:30 p.m., local time, on Wednesday, June 11, 2003, to the Defense National Stockpile Center, ATTN: DNSC-R (Bid Custodian) at 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 3229, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-6223. For facsimile submissions, bidders must use (703) 767-5541. If all material is not sold, subsequent bid offerings will be held on a quarterly basis on the second Wednesday of the second month of the quarter, beginning Wednesday, October 12, 2003 until all material is sold.

Inspection of the quartz crystals will be held on May 27 – 30, 2003. Requests to inspect the material must be submitted five (5) days prior to the inspection.

Sales documents, including the solicitation, storage locations, and point of contact will be available on the DNSC web site: <https://www.dnsc.dla.mil>. Other inquiries should be addressed to Sharon Blue at (703) 767-5477.