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STOCKPILE ACCEPTS ALUMINUM OXIDE ABRASIVE GRAIN OFFER

Ft. Belvoir, VA - The Defense National Stockpile today announced the award of 4,100 short tons of aluminum oxide abrasive grain under DLA-Aluminum Oxide-Abrasive Grain-003. The negotiated award was made to Washington Mills Company, Inc., North Grafton, MA, for an approximate market value of \$1.1 million. Offers were received on December 12, 2003. The next offering for long-term negotiated sales will be announced by amendment to the solicitation.

The next bid opening for monthly spot sales will be held on January 28, 2004. Bids are due by 10:00 a.m., local time, at 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite, 3229, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-6223. Bids may be submitted by facsimile transmission to (703) 767-5541.

Requests for copies of the solicitation and other inquiries should be directed to Patricia Hill at (703) 767-6031 or visit our website at <https://www.dnosc.dla.mil>.