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STOCKPILE ISSUES DIAMOND STONES SOLICITATION

Fort Belvoir, VA - The Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC) today issued Invitation for Bids, DLA-DIAMONDS-012, soliciting bids for the sale of approximately 404,533.45 carats of industrial diamond stones. Bids are due by 1:00 p.m., local time, Friday, May 2, 2003, at 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6223.

Inspection of material will be by appointment only. Appointments to inspect the diamonds may be scheduled no sooner than March 5, 2003, and can be made by contacting Ms. Mary Jackson at (703) 767-7606 or fax request to (703) 767-7608. Inspections will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., local time, beginning March 24 through April 29, 2003, at the Citibank Vault in New York, NY.

The Invitation may also be viewed on the DNSC Web Page at <https://www.dnsc.dla.mil>. All inquiries should be directed to Mr. Danny Lester at (703) 767-5482.

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