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STOCKPILE ACCEPTS ALUMINUM OXIDE ABRASIVE GRAIN OFFER

Ft. Belvoir, VA - The Defense National Stockpile today announced the award of 2,400 short tons of aluminum oxide abrasive grain under DLA-Aluminum Oxide-Abrasive Grain-003. The award was made to Washington Mills Company, Inc., North Grafton, MA, for an approximate market value of \$600,000. Offers were received on August 15, 2003.

Spot sales for aluminum oxide abrasive grain continues on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Bids for the spot sales are due by 2:00 p.m., local time, on October 22, 2003, at 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 3229, Fort Belvoir, and VA 22060-6223. Offers 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.dnsc.dla.mil>.