Acquisition, maintenance, and disposition of Acceptance Inspection Equipment (AIE) shall be in accordance with NCSL Z540.3 or ISO 10012:2003. AIE shall be used to assure conformance of components and end items to contract requirements. AIE shall include all types of inspection, measuring, and test equipment along with the necessary specifications, and the procedures for their use.

AIE designs, specifications, and procedures for Critical, Major, Special, and Minor characteristics shall be submitted to ATK for final Government review and approval. All AIE documentation requiring Government approval shall contain sufficient information to permit evaluation of the designed AIE’s ability to test, verify or measure the characteristic or parameter with the required accuracy and precision.

ATK/Government reserves the right to disapprove at any time during the performance of this contract, use of any AIE not meeting the requirements of the approved design, specification, or procedure documentation.

The first article shall be representative of items to be manufactured using the same processes and procedures and at the same facility as contract production. AIE applies to this statement.

The Subcontractor must ensure that all AIE is approved by ATK/Government and available for use prior to manufacturing production hardware.

The Subcontractor shall complete Form OP-279 for all Critical, Major, Special, and Minor characteristics. Completed OP-279 Form shall be formally submitted to ATK. A copy of this form is available at [http://www.atk.com/suppliers/?supplier-type=current](http://www.atk.com/suppliers/?supplier-type=current) under Rocket Center, WV.