Seller shall only purchase products to be delivered or incorporated as work to the Buyer directly from the Original Component Manufacturer (OCM)/Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), or through an OCM/OEM authorized distributor.

Seller may use another source only if:
(i) the foregoing sources are unavailable
(ii) Seller's inspection and other counterfeit risk mitigation processes will be employed to ensure the authenticity of the work
(iii) the suppliers meet applicable DOD-adopted counterfeit prevention industry standards and processes (including tests) and;
(iv) Seller obtains the advance written approval of Buyer.

Approval to use another source, other than defined above, requires the submittal of a comprehensive risk mitigation test and inspection plan to the Buyer's Procurement Representative. The risk mitigation plan shall define appropriate tests and inspections, as well as acceptance criteria, to validate the products authenticity. Test results shall be reviewed and approved by the Buyer's Quality Engineering prior to shipping or incorporating into deliverable hardware.

Seller shall develop and implement a counterfeit product control plan using AS5553 for electronic parts and AS6174 for all other material. The plan shall be available for the Buyer review upon request.

The Seller's counterfeit avoidance and detection systems are subject to Buyer and/or Buyer's customer audit and approval.

Seller shall implement systems that assure traceability of all material from the original manufacturer to product acceptance by the Buyer. For electronic parts, Seller shall have processes that enable tracking from the OCM, OEM or the OCM/OEM authorized suppliers, whether the electronic part is supplied as a discrete electronic part or is contained in an assembly. This requirement applies to all work delivered to the Buyer either directly or indirectly as components or included in assemblies. This entire note, or requirements that meet the intent of this note, shall be flowed down to all sub-tier suppliers under this contract, and the Seller shall provide evidence of compliance to this note upon request.