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## **NCDMM Launches VOICe – The New Defense Supply Chain Management Tool**

**Latrobe, PA, November 16, 2009** – The National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining (NCDMM) is pleased to announce that it has launched the supply chain management tool “VOICe – Virtual Opportunity Information Center.” This revolutionary tool is part of VizSpace, an online network of private and public industrial communities, where companies and professionals can showcase products and services. VOICe utilizes the technology of computer-based social networking methodology to facilitate communication between manufacturing organizations, part outsourcers, and capable vendors.

VOICe, a private community within VizSpace, is focused on the defense manufacturing base leveraging and expanding the present capabilities and ongoing developments of the VizSpace technology to facilitate and automate the NCDMM supply chain support process. VOICe utilizes advanced searching and matching tools to alert VOICe members about DoD opportunities and to create awareness for Primes and defense agencies about member capabilities. VOICe is divided into three groups – part manufacturers, outsourcers, and technology providers, working together to form the on-line community.

### **Part Manufacturers**

Part manufacturers are the foundation of the VOICe community. Within VOICe, members can showcase their products and capabilities, identify partners within the immediate community, and expand their marketing reach. VOICe enables members to easily create and maintain a detailed profile of their capabilities. VOICe allows companies to create a history of their past and current part production activities which can be used by its community members to increase business opportunities through reuse of part/product design by using VizSeek, an innovative visual search engine.

### **Outsourcers**

VOICe provides outsourcers and procurement offices a one-stop shop for managing their supply base. VOICe allows outsourcers to easily post opportunities or search for specific capabilities or demographics (manufacturing processes/equipment, business type, part/product design data, etc.). VOICe has simplified the opportunity posting process with easy-to-complete forms, straightforward technical data package attachments, and innovative search engines and options.

### **Technology Providers**

Within VOICe, technology providers can showcase their products and capabilities, identify partners or customers within the immediate community, and expand their marketing reach. VOICe enables members to easily create and maintain a customized and detailed profile of their technology offerings. Profile forms allow for data input and graphics enhancement. VOICe allows members to execute an unparalleled self-propagating sales and marketing strategy to a focused but comprehensive community.

Please go to <http://voice.ncdmm.org> to join this new exciting on-line community. View the [VOICe Registration Process Tutorial](#) and [VOICe Profile Setup Tutorial](#) prior to signing up for VOICe. The tutorials outline what information is needed when signing up for the community. VOICe is a private community which requires specific criteria be met by all members; [VOICe Acceptance Criteria](#). Upon acceptance to the private VOICe community, you will be able to create a company profile which will highlight your company's capabilities.

The NCDMM delivers optimized manufacturing solutions that enhance the quality, affordability, maintainability, and rapid deployment of existing and yet-to-be developed defense systems. This is accomplished through collaboration with government, industrial, and academic organizations to promote the implementation of best practices to key stakeholders through the development and delivery of disciplined training, advanced technologies, and methodologies. For additional information, visit the NCDMM at <http://www.ncdmm.org>.

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