

What is UID?:

UID is a DOD initiative for improving asset management through uniquely identifying property, plant and equipment, operating materials and supplies. For affected items, the DoD has published precise guidelines for applying a 2D data matrix symbol to the item that must remain readable throughout the life of the part and conform to stringent specifications regarding the quality of the symbol, its syntax and semantics.

Specifically, UID is the set of data for tangible assets that is globally unique and unambiguous, ensures data integrity and data quality throughout the life of a product, and supports multifaceted business applications and users. The policy has been in effect since January 1, 2004 for all new DoD solicitations and orders.

Why is the Department of Defense requiring UID?

UID will facilitate item tracking in DoD business systems and provide reliable and accurate data for program management and accountability purposes. The UID program is the foundation for enabling DoD to reach established goals for enhanced total asset visibility, improved lifecycle item management and accountability, and clean financial audits.

How do I know if the policy affects me as a supplier?

- If DFARS 252.211-7003 clause is referenced in your contract or bid spec
- If you provide items that cost more than \$5,000
- If under \$5,000 you supply items that are serially managed, mission essential, controlled inventory, repairable item. (see flowchart)
- If you supply embedded items to tier 1 and 2 suppliers whose end item is subject to compliance
- Ask the DoD program manager you are dealing with on this contract

