

## **DPAS Rated Purchase Orders**

Whenever a DPAS rating appears in the DPAS Rating Field on your Purchase Order, it means that it is a rated order certified for national defense, emergency preparedness, and energy program use, and you are required to follow all the requirements of the Defense Priorities and Allocations System regulation (15 CFR part 700). By acknowledging the PO you accepted the DPAS rating.

### **Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS)**

- A regulation administered by the Department of Commerce (DoC) that implements the priorities and allocations authority contained in Title 1 of the Defense Production Act (DPA) of 1950 with respect to industrial resources. The purpose of DPAS is to ensure the timely availability of industrial resources to meet national defense and emergency preparedness requirements. Certain national defense, energy, and homeland security programs are approved for priorities and allocations support. The DoC has delegated authority to DoD to place priority ratings on its contracts in accordance with DPAS and DoD issues approximately 300,000 rated orders annually. DoD uses two priority ratings: DX and DO. DX rated programs and their orders are of the highest national defense urgency and are approved by the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) or Deputy Secretary of Defense (DEPSECDEF). DO rated orders are of lower priority than DX-rated orders but take precedence over unrated orders. DPAS cannot be used to prioritize food, energy, health, water, or civil transportation resources.

### **DPAS rules are standard part of U.S. defense contracting process: (15 CFR 700.11 (a))**

Two levels of priority ratings:

- (DX) Highest national defense urgency
- All DX rated orders have equal priority and take preference over DO and unrated orders
- (DO) Critical to national defense
- All DO rated orders have equal priority and take preference over unrated orders For more information: <https://www.dema.mil/DPAS/>