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NTC GREAT LAKES (COMPLEX³) INSTRUCTION 4200.3A

From: Commander, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes

Subj: PRICE FIGHTERS PROGRAM

Ref: (a) NAVSUPNOTE 5450 of 16 Oct 95

Encl: (1) Data requirements for suspected overcharging
notification
(2) Suspected Overcharging Notification form

1. Purpose. To implement the Navy's Price Fighters Program on board Naval Training Center (NTC) using reference (a).
2. Cancellation. NTCGLAKESINST 4200.3. This instruction has changed in its entirety due to the merger of the Buy Our Spares Smart (BOSS) program with the Price Fighters Program.
3. Overview. Every effort must be made to eliminate unnecessary procurement costs and conserve the Navy's scarce financial resources. All members of the Navy routinely come in contact with products and services obtained through the Navy and Defense Supply Systems. Like any personal purchase, these products can be evaluated in terms of value, quality, and performance. As direct recipients of products and services funded with the taxpayers' dollars, NTC personnel have an obligation to challenge prices, qualities, and specifications that are suspected of being inconsistent with those routinely encountered in the private sector.
4. Objectives. An effective Price Fighters Program on board NTC will help provide necessary data for the Navy and Defense Supply Systems to:
 - a. Ensure fair and reasonable prices are paid for spare parts, repair parts, habitability equipment, hand tools, galley equipment, and related support equipment.
 - b. Broaden procurement competitions for acquiring spare parts.
 - c. Identify and report over-specified "gold-plated" specifications, excessive requirements and packaging, and invalid restrictive legends.
 - d. Reward the crew-member for vigilance in cases resulting in a significant savings to the Navy.

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e. Report NTC Price Fighters participation to higher authority.

5. Procedures

a. The quickest way to test the reasonableness of a price is to ask, "Would I write a personal check at the stated cost and/or apparent quality of the item?" If the answer is no, the item should be reported to the Fitting Out and Supply Support Assistance Center (FOSSAC) in Norfolk, VA, using Price Fighter Program procedures. FOSSAC receives and collates Price Fighters reports of suspected overpricing and insures that each report is properly and thoroughly investigated.

b. Reporting pricing problems to FOSSAC can be accomplished via mail, e-mail, fax, or phone. Using enclosure (1), enclosure (2) should be prepared and forwarded to NTC Customer Service Division, Code N232.

6. Action

a. All hands shall:

(1) Be vigilant for overpriced or over specified repair parts or consumable items.

(2) Test the reasonableness of a price by asking, "Would I write a personal check for that item at that price?"

(3) Forward suspected cases of overpricing to the NTC Price Fighters Program Coordinator, at NTC Customer Service Division, Building 3200.

(4) Report quality deficient products and materials in accordance with P-485.

b. The Assistant Chief of Staff, Supply and Logistics, shall:

(1) Be responsible for the overall management of NTC's Price Fighters Program.

(2) Assist departments in the following areas:

(a) Determining technical specifications that meet (but do not exceed) requirements.

(b) Evaluate Price Fighters Program requirements.

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(c) Evaluate fair and reasonable prices.

(3) Designate the Price Fighters Program Coordinator who will be responsible for daily administration of the program.

c. The Price Fighters Program Coordinator shall:

(1) Serve as the initial point of contact for all suspected cases of product or material overpricing or over-specification.

(2) Process, serialize, and forward reported cases of overpricing to FOSSAC in accordance with reference (a).

(3) Maintain related Price Fighters Program records, instructions, and reports.

(4) Improve awareness of NTC's Price Fighters Program by providing training and encouraging suggestions for determining fair and reasonable prices.


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DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR SUSPECTED OVERCHARGING NOTIFICATION

1. National Stock Number (NSN) of the item in question. This can be found in the APL, on the receipt paperwork in the ML-N. If you do not have the NSN, then provide the Part Number.
 - a. Nomenclature. The common name of the item.
 - b. Unit Price in Question. What is the price you think is incorrect?
 - c. Source of the Price. Where did you find this suspect price? (ML-N dated 1-87, DD 1348-1 receipt papers, etc.).
 - d. Unit of Issue. This can be found on the receipt paperwork or in the ML-N.
 - e. Issuing Activity. Who issued the item to you? For example: NSC Norfolk, NSD Guam, etc.
 - f. Contract Number. This can be found on the receipt paperwork and sometimes on the item. The contract number will take the form of: N00383-87-G-1234.
 - g. Document or Requisition Number. This can be found on the receipt paperwork or through your command's Supply Department.
2. Substitute/Interchangeable NSN. This is an item that can be used IN PLACE of the item you are challenging.
 - a. Unit Price. As above.
 - b. Unit of Issue. As above.
3. Equivalent NSN (for price comparison only). This is an item that CANNOT be used in place of the challenged item, but is a similar item at a lower price.
 - a. Unit Price. As above.
 - b. Unit of Issue. As above.
4. Alternate source. This is a company or supplier that will provide the SAME ITEM as the challenged NSN at a lower price.
 - a. Part Number. The company's part number.
 - b. Federal Supply Code for Manufacturers (FSCM). If known.

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- c. Name and Address of Company.
- d. Area Code and Telephone Number.
- e. Unit Price.

5. Remarks. Why do you feel that item is over-priced? Provide any additional information

6. Your Name, Command, Mailing Address, Message Address, DSN and/or Commercial Telephone Number. Please print clearly. This will allow us to contact you if additional information is required. This will also allow us to let you know the results of the investigation.



Date _____

SUSPECTED OVERCHARGING NOTIFICATION FORM

I think the Government is being over-charged on this item. Please look into it, and let me know what you find.

Describe the item you think is over-priced:

NSN or Part Number _____
Description or Name of Item _____
Price you think is wrong _____
Where did you find this price? _____
Unit of Issue _____
Who issued you the item _____
Your requisition number _____
Contract Number on item or paperwork _____

Is there another NSN you can USE IN PLACE of this item (at a lower price)? __ YES __ NO

NSN _____ Price _____ U/I _____

Is there a SIMILAR item that you can NOT use in place of this, but you think is priced close to the true value of this item? __ YES __ NO

NSN _____ Price _____ U/I _____

Can you buy this SAME ITEM for less elsewhere? __ YES __ NO

Name of Company _____ FSCM/CAGE _____
Part Number _____
Address _____
Telephone (____) _____

Why do you think this item is over-priced? _____

Any other comments or information _____

Please provide your complete message and mailing address so we can tell you the results of our review. (Please print).

Rank/Rate/Name: _____
Command: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Message Address: _____
DSN Number: _____

Thanks for your assistance in keeping prices down.



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