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METSS Corporation receives \$14.0M DOD award to establish domestic capacity for eight critical chemicals

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METSS Corporation awarded \$14.0M agreement from the DOD to Establish, Expand, and Modernize Domestic Capability to Manufacture Eight Critical Chemicals for Defense

01/24/2024 - The Department of Defense (DOD) has awarded METSS Corporation (Westerville, OH) a \$14.0M contract to establish domestic manufacturing capability for eight chemicals that are critical to DOD operations. The award to METSS was one of seven contracts awarded by the DOD under the Defense Production Act Investments (DPAI) Program to stimulate the domestic production of military grade chemicals by establishing, expanding, and modernizing the manufacturing capacity of a total of twenty-two critical chemicals that are used in formulations for defense systems, including non-energetic chemicals and precursors for both energetic and non-energetic chemicals. Exacting requirements, greater environmental considerations, variable demands, and price competition resulted in the need to source these chemicals from foreign (adversary) nations; many of the chemicals that are critical for defense applications and their precursors are not currently manufactured in the United States. Each of the companies receiving an award has demonstrated that they can meet the minimum required production amounts of one or more of the critical chemicals using flexible, efficient, modern and green/environmentally respectful manufacturing practices. These chemicals have multiple applications in the commercial sector, including but not limited to pharmaceuticals, consumer products (such as cosmetics, food and beverage, etc.), agriculture, automotive, and energy. Aggregated demand and a diverse portfolio of buyers will create sustained investments and strong supply chains for years to come. "These critical chemical investments show the National Defense Industrial Strategy in action to ensure resilient supply chains and promote economic deterrence," said Dr. Laura Taylor-Kale, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy.

About METSS Corporation

METSS Corporation is an applied R&D company with three decades of experience providing innovative yet practical solutions to the most challenging technical problems. The strength and diversity of our staff allow us to support projects from development through commercial integration.

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