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**MESSAGE FROM THE DLS DIRECTOR
Elizabeth “Beth” Van Absher**



On behalf of the Division of Logistics Services (DLS), I'd like to wish everyone a happy and healthy (almost) start to summer!

DLS continues to have a busy and productive Spring 2023, and we are thrilled to have had the privilege to participate in some amazing HHS and NIH initiatives. Earth Day/Take Your Child to Work Day (TYCTWD) was April 27th, and DLS engaged with nearly 300 children in front of Building 1 in a “Shop the NIH Supply Center” event. It was a HUGE success, and we thank all of the wonderful parents, caregivers, and children for stopping by and having a great time with us!

April was the sixth (6th) annual National Supply Chain Integrity month, focusing on supply chain risk management (SCRM), a topic which is really at the core of our organization. SCRM allows government and industry to effectively defend against the known threats to our supply chains while strengthening resilience to future risks ahead of us.

The call to action in ensuring a robust, secure, and sustainable supply chain is more critical than ever. We all learned the tragic and urgent impacts of supply chain disruptions on the American public during the COVID-19 pandemic.

NIH organizations, like each and every federal agency, must include all aspects of SCRM into our daily operations. This includes Acquisition Security, Information Technology Integrity, Information Security, Counterintelligence, Insider Threat Risk Management, and Cybersecurity, working with buyers, logistics, acquisition, health and safety, system partners, and scientific and administrative partners vigilantly to share best practices on risk management, and identify ways to deepen our collaboration and cooperation to responsibly source and sustain our supply chain. DLS was called upon to lead for NIH and HHS at HHS Make PPE in America Industry Day where we collaborated with other agency leaders and industry partners to engage on expanding our domestic sourcing for PPE and protecting against supply chain vulnerabilities for future world-wide disruptions.

The NIH Supply Center remains vigilant, proactive, and resilient to keep your mission moving. Read more in this month's newsletter.

May was a whirlwind in the best of ways. DLS led supply chain best practices workshops with industry, hospitals, healthcare networks and government agencies at a world-wide Supply Chain Summit in Chicago on May 10, 2023. Members of DLS were also called upon to lead the NIH Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM) Council *and* serve as the NIH representatives on the HHS SCRM. What an honor! This is a community collaborative effort. We are working closely with the NIH Office of Security and Emergency Response, Policy and Acquisitions Offices, Department of Occupational Health and Safety, the NIH Scientific Community, our counterparts in other HHS OpDivs, and the HHS Office of National Security. **Supply chain security impacts us all.**

We look forward to entering Quarter 4 with focus, stewardship, customer service, and our shared mission in mind. Please let us know how we can best support you – we stand ready to meet your needs!

Have You Heard? IIJA – What It Is, and How It Impacts You

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

Public Law 117-58

HHS Alerts 2022-04 & 2023-01 USA PPE

What IIJA Means:

- HHS (and NIH) must ensure we use domestically sourced and manufactured PPE
- Requires long term (2+ year) contracts with vetted domestic suppliers of PPE
- Secure sustainable supply chain

Domestic Sources of PPE exist, and industry is energized and engaged. The NIH Supply Center is your source for safe, IIJA compliant PPE supplies. IIJA Compliant PPE must be purchased through the NIH Supply Center. (OALM Alert 23-08)

Why it Matters:

- 60% of PPE is manufactured in Asia; and
- Dependence on foreign supply chain increases vulnerabilities
- Known biosecurity threats and supply chain integrity threats exist
- Decreased incentive for domestic manufacturing

Heavy reliance on foreign suppliers results in higher transportation costs and price increases. Now, more than ever, government needs to safeguard our supply chain through vetted domestic sourcing to ensure continuity of operations and safe working conditions. We work with our health and safety partners and our acquisitions teams to do just that.

How are we making it easier for our NIH Community Customers? By working with our system partners (POTS) to enable alerts when PPE is being bought to go to the NIH Supply Center. We thank our amazing systems partners, the POTS team, for their incredible support in helping to make ordering IIJA compliant PPE much easier!

Join us this Summer!! OneNIH will be hosting a panel discussion to review the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) – “Made in America PPE”, and how it impacts you. The NIH Supply Center (NIHSC), along with the Office of Acquisitions and Logistics Management (OALM) will provide important updates on IIJA and how the NIH is preparing to meet this important policy. We look forward to seeing you all for the OneNIH panel this summer!

In preparation for this event, please submit any questions or comments you have on IIJA or PPE procurement – we will do our best to answer as many as we can! **Submit Your Questions/Comments Here:** <https://forms.office.com/g/v0L5fH2Dxv>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

If you are interested in attending this event, please reach out to DLSPMO@od.nih.gov.



The DLS NIH Supply Center (NIHSC) would like to invite you to our upcoming in-person Vendor Event taking place on Monday June 12, 2023, from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the Natcher Atrium, Building 45. [Register to Attend!](#) We have over **17 vendors** (and counting!) coming to showcase their products available at the NIHSC.

At the event you'll be able to:

- ✓ Demo Products
- ✓ Learn about Innovative Lab Solutions
- ✓ Engage with Suppliers
- ✓ Browse Laboratory, Office, and PPE supplies
- ✓ **Place orders for supplies from the NIHSC on site!**

Please share with other NIH colleagues that might be interested in joining! If there are any questions, please reach out to NIHVendorDay@od.nih.gov. We look forward to hosting you!

NIH SUPPLY CENTER (NIHSC)

New Items

Showa Nitrile Gloves

841500N230993 (X-SMALL)
841500N170994 (SMALL)
841500N170995 (MEDIUM)
841500N179996 (LARGE)
841500N179997 (X-LARGE)
841500N179998 (2X-LARGE) Unit:
100 Gloves I Box Price: \$15.95

Quanterix Assay Kit

KIT, NF-LIGHT v2 ADVANTAGE
664000N234073
\$2200 | Kit

ADVANCED RPMI 1640

655000N233020
\$306 | Case



BROTH, 2XYTBROTH,
CAPSULES # X15640-
1000.0
NSN: [681000N238718](#)
Price: 154.40/Bottle



MEMBRANE, BREATHE-
EASY SEALING # 248738
NSN: [681000N238725](#)
Price: \$90.10/Package



BROTH, LURIA BROTH 1L
BUFFERED CAPSULES #
L24045-1000.0
NSN: [681000N238719](#)
Price: \$140.40/Bottle



GLYCEROL, ACS GRADE,
500ml, # G22025-0.5
NSN: [681000N238727](#)
Price: \$26.80/Bottle



BUFFERED, PBS 100ml
TABLETS # P32080-100T
NSN: [681000N238728](#)
Price: \$40/Bottle

Weekly Supply Spotlight

We are excited to announce that the former Commodity Update, created at the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic to support customers in buying PPE, has been rebranded to the “Weekly Supply Spotlight.” Every week, our [website promotions](#) will be updated with in stock and in demand items that we know will interest you. Items will include PPE, laboratory, office, medical,

and more. Please continue to check the website for the latest promotions. We are excited to be able to give you a new way of seeing what the NIH Supply Center has to offer!

New Digital New Product Request Form

Save time and submit your new product requests right through our [website](#)! A team member will do the legwork of researching the item to get you the best possible product in the fastest amount of time!

Large Scale Laboratory Equipment

With the loss of NIH Division of Scientific Equipment & Instrumentation Services (DSEIS), the NIH Supply Center is now supporting the procurement of lab equipment, beginning with undercounter fridges and freezers. More items will be added as this new category of the NIH Supply Center portfolio. Please see our new NSNs below:

FREEZER, ULTRA-LOW TEMPERATURE UNDERCOUNTER 668500N235818	FREEZER EPPERDORF INNOVA U101 UPRIGHT 668500N239420	FREEZER, VALUE LAB UNDERCOUNTER 668500N239423	FREEZERS, VALUE LAB UPRIGHT 668500N239428	REFRIGERATOR, TSH FLAMMABLE MATERIAL STORAGE 668500N239424
FREEZER, ISOTEMP VALUE LAB 668500N239427	REFRIGERATOR, ISOTEMP VALUE UNDERCOUNTER 668500N232425	REFRIGERATOR, ISOTEMP FLAMMABLE MATERIAL STORAGE 668500N239426	REFRIGERATOR, FUTURA BUILT-IN UNDERCOUNTER LABORATORY 668500N239421	REFRIGERATOR, 5.0 Cu. Ft. SOLID DOOR UNDERCOUNTER MEDICAL 668500N239422

We're Your Priority Source, YOU Are Our #1 Priority! Have a Question?

Please let us know how we can help!

☎ **1-833-3 ONE NIH** ☎
(1-833-3 663 644)

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Check Out the NIHSC

- [Product Promotions](#)

Shop The [Product Catalog](#) And Place Your Orders in NBS Or POTS!

Helpful Supply Resource Links:

- [Announcements from NIHSC](#)
- [NIH FreeStuff](#)
- [IC PPE Coordinators List](#)



NIH ACCOUNTABLE PROPERTY Property Management Branch (PMB)

[PMB Property Hub:](#)

Do you have any of the following questions pertaining to Personal Property?

- How is the 2023 Physical Inventory progressing?
 - Where have we been? Where are we? What's next?
- Where can I find the current PPMG (Personal Property Management Guide)?
 - Note: The PPMG is currently being reviewed and updated.
- Where can I find information pertaining to the NPMP Property Management Portal?
- How does the NIH PMB support the "Go Green" initiative?

Check out the [PMB Property Hub](#) on MS Teams for answers to these questions and other information pertaining to Personal Property at NIH!

Tired of lugging NIH equipment from home into the office to be physically inventoried?

Use the NPMP Mobile App! This tool provides the flexibility to perform a self-scan of NIH equipment which can replace the need to bring equipment into the office to be physically scanned.

For further information:

- [Mobile Scanner Video](#)
- [NPMP Mobile Scanner Tool](#)
- [Mobile Scanner FAQs](#)

For questions, reach out to your IC Property Accountability Officer.

Upcoming Personal Property Meetings: *PCO Community, if you would like to participate in these meetings, please reach out to Josue Gonzalez-Zayas, josue.gonzalez-zayas@nih.gov.*

- June 14 – CY2023 Inventory Monthly Meeting @ 1:00 PM
- June 21 – Office Hours (Invite will be sent soon)





Image of the Property Warehouse

Helpful Property Resource Links:

- [Personal Property Section \(PPS\)](#)
- [Contract Property Section \(CPS\)](#)
- [Property Reutilization and Disposal Section \(PRDS\)](#)
- [Excess Product Catalog](#)
- [Determining Requirements](#)
- [Determining Sources](#)
- [General Property Information](#)
- [Personal Property Management Guide \(PPMG\)](#)

In Memoriam

Niles Allen George, Jr., a long term-NIH Contracted Employee of nearly 20 years, passed away on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, from injuries sustained in an unfortunate automobile accident. Niles was enroute to his job at NIH's Property Reutilization and Disposal Warehouse where he worked as a warehouse attendant. The PRDS Warehouse Supervisor, Chris Batzel, had nothing but great things to say about Niles. In Chris's words, "Niles was an amazing employee that could be counted on to perform any task to the fullest of his abilities. He demonstrated a high level of expertise, professionalism, and pride in his job. Niles was always a pleasure to be around; he will be sorely missed by his PMB/SoBran family at NIH." Niles was 62.



We would like to share this small snippet below taken from Niles' obituary to share additional insight into this extraordinary man:

Niles "Tom" George, Jr., was born in Chestertown, MD, the son of Niles Allen George, Sr., and the late Joyce Ann "Thompson" George. He attended Kent County High School. He began working at a young age and had several odd jobs over the years, but most recently he worked for SoBran as a warehouse attendant. "Tom" was a member of the NRA and absolutely loved being outside hunting and fishing, riding four-wheelers, and taking the boat out for some time on the water. He also enjoyed cutting grass and tending to his yard and garden. His greatest joy was spending time with his family and his grandchildren.

Sunlight Services were held for Niles on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at Fellows Family Funeral Home, 370 Cypress St., Millington, MD. Interment was held at Asbury Cemetery in Millington, MD. Rest in Peace Niles – your work here on Earth is done!

NIH TRANSPORTATION
Transportation Management Branch (TMB)



Image of TMB Fueling Stations

Helpful Transportation Resource Links

Freight Shipments- Lab Samples, Small and Large Package Handling

- [Freight Forwarding Requests](#)
- [Household Goods](#)
- [Other Than Household Goods](#)

Fleet Services- Government Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs

- [Agency Assigned Vehicles](#)
- [Fleet Management at NIH](#)
- [Short-Term Vehicle Rental](#)
- [Maintenance and Repair Services](#)

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

Kayla McKnight-DuVall

Please join us in welcoming Kayla McKnight-DuVall to the DLS NIHSC! Kayla is originally from Long Beach Island, NJ, and she has served as Marketing Outreach Lead contractor within the NIHSC for the past four years. Kayla has been a valuable contributor to business operations since her arrival as a contractor in 2018. The NIHSC is excited about her addition to our federal workforce, and her opportunity to continue impacting the Supply Center's mission to support the supply requirements of the NIH Community.

Kayla's favorite hobby is "trying new restaurants and cuisines", while "attempting to make her husband expand his palate through cooking or these new restaurants"!

A task that Kayla is most looking forward to doing as an FTE at NIH is continuing to foster the customer-vendor partnerships established during her time as a contractor, as well as expanding her knowledge of the supply world. Please join us in welcoming Kayla to DLS!



Matthew Fortier

Matthew Fortier is a Transportation Specialist in the Fleet Management Section of the Transportation Management Branch. A motivated and customer-focused team player, he is known to regularly achieve outstanding results, especially regarding troubleshooting billing issues and resolving customer inquiries. Well done, Matt! Thanks for all you do!

Jason Broadway and Deon Johnson



Jason Broadway



Deon Johnson

PMB/DLS would like to thank Jason Broadway and Deon Johnson for their tireless efforts assisting PMB with preparing for this year's CY2023 wall-to-wall inventory. Jason's and Deon's selflessness contributed to the team accomplishing myriad of objectives. Below are a few ways in which they assisted PMB in achieving the Branch's goals and desired end state. These gentlemen:

- Worked diligently to ensure user profiles were functional for all NYT Technicians
- Assisted with training of NYT Inventory Team on the usage of new RFID scanners/equipment: they taught the team how to perform the "get from scanner function", generate reports, as well as setting up the scanners for operation.
- Worked collaboratively to move the scanners from the test environment to the production environment
- Ensured scanners contained latest software updates
- Facilitated step-by-step procedures to register all 11 scanners used for the inventory
- Uploaded critical software, Synlink, to multiple workstations
- Communicated with each other daily to troubleshoot and resolve known technical errors
- Conducted pilot inventory of NINR's lab to prepare techs for actual inventory

Overall, Jason's and Deon's efforts saved the government over 440 manhours of labor - which translates to nearly \$100K that would have been lost due to idle time by NYT Tech. Lastly, Jason and Deon helped ensure a timely launch of this year's CY2023 inventory; they still avail themselves whenever needed. Thank you, gentlemen. Your altruistic spirit is noted and greatly appreciated!!!

-Willie Davis, Chief of the Property Management Branch

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