To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to bring your attention to the issue of acquisition-related scams. As a current, previous, or future subcontractor to Sandia National Laboratories, or as a supplier to any other Department of Energy facility or federal government agency, you may be targeted by scammers fraudulently attempting to procure goods and services. While scams of this nature are not new, we urge you to be alert for evolving fraudulent schemes such as the following.

**Fraudulent Communications**

Scammers may send fictitious letters, requests for quotation (RFQs), or falsified orders for goods. In this ruse, a scammer could impersonate a current or former Sandia employee or claim to communicate on Sandia’s behalf. Messages that differ from standard Sandia communications in both content and form could indicate a scam. For example, if your Sandia point of contact usually sends emails, you might be suspicious of an unexpected RFQ via fax. Sandia will never ask you to send all questions or responses by fax. Requests for items you do not usually supply to Sandia and/or delivery to locations outside of Sandia’s primary locations are also likely suspicious. Additionally, Sandia does not call and leave prerecorded, urgent messages warning that immediate action must be taken to avoid detrimental business action.

**Cyber Fraud**

This tactic is frequently a combination of cyber-crime and fraudulent communications. Fraudsters will use email addresses similar to a company’s domain name to falsely represent themselves as legitimate customers. Be watchful for emails from addresses similar to “sandia.gov.” Some examples of potentially false domains could include sandia.com, sandialabs.com, sqndia.gov, or sandianatlabs.gov.

Should you have any questions about doing business with Sandia, or concerns regarding Sandia Supply Chain communications, please do not hesitate to reach out to Sandia’s Supply Chain Business Point of Contact by phone at 1-800-765-1678, or email at supplier@sandia.gov. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*(signature on file)*

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