Subject: Consolidated Summary of Industry Feedback for Upcoming Landing Gear Contract

This notice provides a consolidated summary of the key themes, questions, and clarifications that have arisen during recent industry engagement sessions for the upcoming landing gear contract. This document is intended to ensure all potential offerors have access to the same common information as they prepare for the forthcoming solicitation.

I. Acquisition Strategy & Key Timelines

The overall acquisition approach and anticipated schedule are as follows:

Category	Details
Acquisition Strategy	This requirement will be competed as a 100% Small Business Set-Aside.
Bidding Requirement	This is an "all or nothing" opportunity. Proposals must address all items specified in the solicitation; partial bids will not be considered.
Anticipated RFP Release	The government is finalizing the item list and anticipates releasing the final RFP by the end of April or early May.
Proposal Window	Offerors will have a six-month period to submit proposals after the final RFP is released.
Current Contract Expiration	The contract this new vehicle is intended to replace expires in September 2028.

II. Scope & Contractual Requirements

Key clarifications regarding the scope and nature of the contract include:

- Contract Type: This is a transactional supply contract, not a Performance-Based Logistics (PBL) contract. It does not involve a depot partnership, and any ramp-up period is expected to be minimal.
- Ordering Cadence: The primary model will group requirements into semi-annual ordering periods. However, offerors should anticipate that sporadic orders (e.g., Foreign Military Sales) may still be placed as needed.

- Surge & Contingency: The government will be looking for a sound plan for how the contractor will support surge and contingency requirements.

III. Key Technical & Pricing Discussion Points

The following topics were major points of discussion and clarification during the industry sessions.

A. Forging Price Volatility & Economic Price Adjustment (EPA)

The method for handling volatile forging costs was a primary concern.

- The Issue: The government's draft strategy considers replacing the current, item-specific forging mitigation clause with a broader Economic Price Adjustment (EPA) clause based on a Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) index.
- Industry Feedback: Contractors expressed significant concern that a general BLS index will not adequately cover the extreme price swings in the specialized forging market, advocating for the retention of a specific forging mitigation clause.
- Government Rationale: The government has considered the feedback from industry and has considered the need for a forging mitigation clause to cover the volatile forging market beyond the anticipated EPA escalation.
- STATUS: This is not a final decision. The government is taking all feedback into consideration before finalizing the RFP.

B. Forging Die Readiness

Clarification was provided on the requirement for the prime contractor to ensure forging dies are "ready to use."

- The Intent: The goal is for the prime contractor to proactively know the condition of all required forging dies.
- The Process: This allows necessary die refurbishment to be funded and worked in parallel with the material procurement lead time once an order is issued, preventing downstream delays.
- Key Clarification: It is not the government's intent for the contractor to pre-fund die refurbishment at their own risk before receiving a funded delivery order.

C. Data Rights & Source-Controlled Drawings

- The government will provide all available access to technical data and the strategy for source controlled items. Where data is incomplete (e.g., on source-controlled drawings), the government is not asking contractors to reverse-engineer parts.
- Strategy for Source-Controlled Parts:
  - If a bidding prime can secure a quote and procure the part directly from the approved source named on a drawing, that is an acceptable and encouraged approach.
  - Primes may propose a new source for supply or repair. Any new source must successfully complete the government's formal qualification process to gain approval.
- Feedback Encouraged: Contractors are encouraged to review the draft item list and provide feedback on any source-controlled or sole-source items they believe are unsuitable for this contract vehicle.