

Joint Acquisition Task Force

Fact Sheet

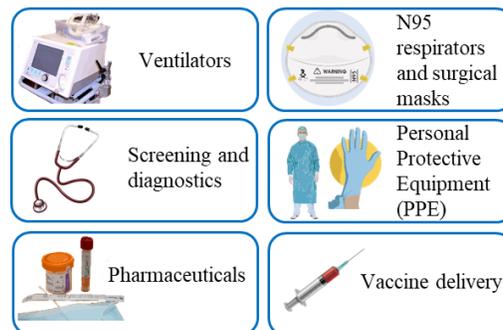


Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment Ms. Ellen Lord established the [COVID-19 Joint Acquisition Task Force \(JATF\)](#) on March 25, 2020. Led by Ms. Stacy Cummings, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Acquisition Enablers, the JATF includes acquisition professionals and medical experts from the Military Departments and DoD Agencies, and serves as the single entry point to the DoD acquisition enterprise. The JATF leverages existing DoD authorities, tools, and skillsets to provide assisted acquisition to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The strategic goals of the JATF include:

- Coordinate and consolidate supply information for medical resources from the Services and DoD Agencies to quickly respond to demand from HHS;
- Utilize DoD's expertise to forecast gaps and identify opportunities for domestic industrial base expansion; and
- Prioritize solutions from industry to connect suppliers to HHS, including prioritizing efforts for the use of the Defense Production Act.

The JATF is organized by product line, based on the requirements and priorities set by HHS. Product lines have evolved as the response to COVID-19 has evolved; below are the current product lines (as of August 2020):



The JATF utilizes established DoD forums to coordinate and prioritize the execution of authorities, connect potential suppliers with the most impactful opportunities, propose industrial base expansion efforts to HHS, and communicate with industry. Examples of existing authorities and frameworks used by the JATF include:

- The [Defense Production Act Title III](#) which provides the President broad authority to ensure the availability of essential domestic industrial resources to support national defense and homeland security requirements;
- DoD's [Adaptive Acquisition Framework](#) and the experienced acquisition workforce to provide advice or exercise rapid contracting mechanisms to quickly award contracts on behalf of HHS;
- Research and development capabilities to leverage non-traditional manufacturing capabilities (e.g. additive manufacturing) to produce new items and technologies;
- Organic industrial capabilities at DoD labs and depots to meet demand and forecast supply needs; and

The JATF is a temporary body that will stand down at the conclusion of the COVID-19 national emergency. To learn more, visit: [COVID-19 Joint Acquisition Task Force](#) or [U.S. Department of Defense](#).