

G-PMC Group to Certify Lockheed Martin Suppliers for AS9100 and ISO 9001:2015 Certification

Lockheed Martin contractors approved for quality certification from the internationally accredited certification body G-PMC Group, LLC

NEW YORK, NY, USA, January 18, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Lewes, DE / Stratford, CT - [G-PMC Group](#), LLC, one of the country's fastest growing ISO certification bodies announced it approved a number of Lockheed Martin suppliers for ISO 9001:2015 and AS9100 REV C certification. Lockheed Martin, the largest U.S. government contractor, is an American global aerospace, defense, security and advanced technologies company.

G-PMC Group is accredited by the [American Board of Accredited Certification](#) (ABAC), the leading independent accreditation body in the United States at <http://www.aboac.org>



Daryl Guberman, CEO of G-PMC Group, LLC

According to Richard Milton, spokesman for G-PMC, the company's CEO, Daryl Guberman has been involved in a series of discussions with Lockheed Martin since questioning the aerospace giant's accreditation requirements for its suppliers, specifically for first tier and second tier contractors certified to ISO 9001:2015 and AS 9100 Rev C. standards.

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Daryl Guberman

Guberman is no stranger to the aerospace industry. In 2013 he informed the FAA of quality issues plaguing the industry, particularly associated with the growing problem of supplier certification and accreditation. His letter can be found online at

http://dguberman.com/Guberman_FAA_Flight_Safety_Letter.pdf

He is also the author of "AS 9100 Systematic Failures," a deeply researched investigative report highlighting serious concerns with Lockheed Martin's F-35 Lightning II Program at

<http://dguberman.com/F-35-ISSUE.pdf>

Guberman challenged Lockheed Martin to improve their accreditation protocol, by asking the aerospace giant to recognize the many Veteran-owned and minority-owned businesses certified by G-PMC Group, as well as giving equal opportunity for accreditation bodies, registrars, and the

thousands of American manufacturers and government contractors independent of ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB®) and/or its sister organization the International Accreditation Forum (IAF). Both organizations have the same individual listed in public records as Chairman and Vice President.

Guberman's position on the matter prompted an internal investigation by Lockheed Martin involving two of its auditors that have allegedly misled a New York-based manufacturer and a Connecticut manufacturer concerning Lockheed Martin's accreditation requirements for its suppliers certified to quality management standards set forth by the International Organization for Standardization, including ISO 9001:2015 and AS9100 REV C certification.

Guberman said by recognizing only accreditation bodies that are a member of IAF, Lockheed would clearly be infringing on its own Code of Ethics regarding Fair Competition. The Lockheed Martin website affirms that "Lockheed will conduct business in accordance with all applicable anti-trust or anti-competition laws and regulations, including those requiring avoidance of unlawfully restraining competition."

As the nation's largest government contractor Guberman believes Lockheed Martin is obligated to follow all anti-competition laws, including The Sherman Antitrust Act (Sherman Act, 26 Stat. 209, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1–7), a landmark federal statute in the history of United States antitrust law (or "competition law") passed by Congress in 1890.

"Antitrust laws and federal contractor requirements enable independently accredited certification bodies to issue ISO 9001:2015 and AS 9100 certificates to suppliers of Lockheed Martin and other defense contractors by affirming the same equal opportunity for all certification and accreditation bodies, said Donald LaBelle, President of the Industrial Leaders Group which analyzes Federal contracts being investigated by the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

He added, "If Lockheed Martin shuts out competition by colluding with a single accreditation body, and making it mandatory for its suppliers to be accredited by that sole entity, the massive defense contractor would risk losing a substantial amount of the \$2.4 billion plus in defense contracts it receives annually from the Federal government." (Source: http://dguberman.com/lockheed_issues.pdf)

Guberman said he appreciates Lockheed Martin for following anti-competition laws, and enforcing its policy on equal opportunity for independently accredited certification bodies. "G-PMC Group and ABAC are proud of its supplier diversity programs, and its emphasis on certifying the quality management systems of companies that are Veteran-owned, Minority-Owned, and Woman-owned," said Guberman.

G-PMC Group said it's reaching out to additional Lockheed Martin sub-contractors and prospective suppliers seeking to transfer their certification for ISO 9001:2015 (QMS), AS 9100 REV C (Aerospace), as well as VOB 9009 (Veteran-Owned), MOB 9009 (Minority-Owned-Business), WOB 9009 (Woman-Owned-Business) certifications. All certifications are fully accredited and internationally recognized.

About G-PMC Group

G-PMC (<http://www.g-pmc.com>) is a registrar that carries a distinct accreditation and a distinct mission compared to the accepted norms in the world of quality. As one of the first ABAC™ accredited certification bodies, the company maintains the highest standards and practices to issue certifications. G-PMC Group, LLC has the authority to register all types of organizations, from Fortune

500 enterprises to small and large businesses, environmental organizations, food establishments, federal contractors, governmental agencies and institutions.

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