

12206 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

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NON-PERISHABLE SUBSISTENCE, DoD/VA

III. PROPOSAL No. 2 (Future)

a. ORIENT THE DoD/VA MISSION.

(1) Develop an open end list of high volume, general use, non-perishable subsistence items which DPSC procures in extremely large quantities in support of the military establishment, (coffee, sugar, flour, shortening, evaporated milk, etc.) and consider inclusion of the following, during scheduled DPSC procurements:

(a) Quantities of such common usage items; when determined to be acceptable for hospital feeding and/or other VA supported Civil Agency feeding programs; as may be required for consumption during the same approximate consumption period, and

(b) For delivery to destinations (VA Support Depots) as designated by the VA Marketing Center.

(2) Review the dietetic items procured by the VA Marketing Center to determine the acceptability and requirement for similar items used in diet control programs by DoD Hospitals. Determine the feasibility and economic advantages of single agency (VA Marketing Center) procurement of common dietetic usage items, with deliveries to destinations designated by DPSC.

b. COORDINATE AND COOPERATE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT.

(1) Review and coordinate to the extent feasible, all requirements related to this study, in connection with critical shortages such as pallets, tin plate for cans, fibreboard containers and such other material as may present purchasing problems, and maintain a functional level of mutual assistance and cooperation which will at all times consider the best overall interest of the government.

(2) Review, establish and incorporate in VA and DoD procurement schedules, provisions for support of those major Civil Agencies which maintain distribution points for common usage (menu spread) non-perishable subsistence items, in support of small or isolated activities entitled to government furnished subsistence. (This type of review presumes the ultimate implementation of the basic directive to the effect that VA and DoD will be the single managers for all non-perishable subsistence used within the Federal Government). Where economically feasible, direct vendor delivery procedures should be utilized.