

12204 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

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NON-PERISHABLE SUBSISTENCE, DoD/VA

d. An evaluation of the existing options for obtaining nonperishable subsistence support, which are available and authorized to government agencies such as Bureau of Prisons, Public Health Service Hospitals, Department of Interior and other food consuming activities of the federal government, included the following:

(1) The Veteran's Administration Supply Catalog, FSC Group 89, Subsistence.

(2) The Defense Supply Agency Federal Supply Catalog for Civil Agencies, FSC Class 8905 through 8970.

(3) The General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service, Subsistence Catalog, Region 8, Denver Colorado.

e. The net result of unlimited access to the above sources of supply has generated a pattern of "shopping" for best price and availability on the part of some civil agencies. This practice has been recognized and controlled by VA and DoD support elements but requires organization which will preclude wide spread confusion in orderly development of demand patterns.

f. Considering the foregoing conditions and limitations (sub-paragraphs b through e above) the following proposals are offered as an orderly and progressive "Plan of Action."

II. PROPOSAL No. 1 (Immediate)

a. ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS.

(1) Coordinate the necessary arrangements for an orientation meeting between qualified representatives of the VA Marketing Program for non-perishable subsistence and representatives and/or the Chief, Procurement Division, Directorate of Subsistence, Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC). This meeting would be held at DPSC, in Philadelphia, Pa., on a mutually acceptable date during February 1975. (Tentative)

(2) Coordinate similar arrangements between qualified, procurement oriented personnel of the VA Marketing Center Program for non-perishable subsistence and counterpart personnel from the Procurement Division, Directorate of Subsistence, DPSC. This meeting would be held at the VA Marketing Center, Hines, Illinois. Tentative date, during April 1975.