

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY 12095

screened and recommended for item entry, and those items that met predetermined criteria would be assigned a national stock number, and the decision rendered whether the item would be centrally stocked or managed on a non-stock basis. The implementation of this concept would then provide for the management of not only depot stocked items but of the larve volume of now locally purchased items which meet predetermined criteria.

However, please note that the following procedures for Government-wide management have to be developed for the first time in order to manage all the items purchased repetitively and in high volume whether they be stock items or non-stock items:

1. A method of collecting data on non-cataloged locally purchased items which would be candidates for item entry and control.
2. A Government item entry and review procedure.
3. A Government procedure to determine the best method of supply.
4. A Government procedure to determine the best method of procurement and the appropriate agency to procure the item.