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DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT TITLE III

ADVANCING THE INDUSTRIAL BASE TO DEFEND THE NATION

What is DPA Title III?

DPA Title III is a unique Presidential authority administered by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Policy. As one of three active authorities, first signed into law in 1950 and renewed in 2018, Title III provides authorities to the President enabling investments in industry to maintain, create, expand and modernize production capabilities. The program executes projects ranging from process improvements to production plant facilitation, and targets the most important elements of production as they relate to the nation's needs.

What is the mission of the Title III Program?

The mission of Title III is to “create assured, affordable, and commercially viable production capabilities and capacities for items essential for national defense.”

What do Title III projects accomplish?

Title III efforts aim to create, maintain, protect, expand or restore production capabilities of domestic suppliers whose technologies and products are critical to the nation's security. These initiatives increase the supply, improve the quality and reduce the cost of advanced materials and technologies. Title III projects also reduce dependency on foreign sources of supply for critical materials/technologies while strengthening the economic and technological competitiveness of the U.S. industrial base.

What is the Air Force's role in executing Title III?

The Department of the Air Force serves as the Executive Agent for the Title III Program for the Department of Defense. The DPA Title III team, which includes program managers, engineers and subject matter experts, is part of the Air Force Research Laboratory's Materials and Manufacturing Directorate.

Why is DPA Title III important to the DoD?

Authorities granted through the Defense Production Act enable the government to utilize funding options and



An Airman receives a cloud of smoke to test the ventilation of his N95 mask issue. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Alexandre Montes)

methods that would otherwise be unavailable in support of industrial enterprise and national security objectives. Title III ensures the availability of essential domestic industrial resources for national defense needs and homeland security requirements

How has DPA Title III supported the nation during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Utilizing DPA Title III authorities, the Department of the Air Force awarded agreements worth \$213 million that increase domestic production of critical medical supplies to meet national demand. These efforts will increase the total production of N95 masks by 450 million per year, nasal-pharyngeal test swabs by 20 million per month and COVID-19 test kits by 110,000 per month.

The DAF has also awarded \$628 million to support the U.S. defense industrial base amid the pandemic by helping to maintain critical industrial capabilities and restore some lost jobs. Title III investments will support the following industrial capabilities: aircraft, shipbuilding, space, soldier systems, ground systems, radar and electronic warfare, materials and microelectronics.

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