

Code of Business Ethics and Conduct

INTRODUCTION

ND Defense LLC (hereinafter "ND Defense" or the "Company") is committed to conducting its business according to the highest standards of ethics and integrity, and in full compliance with all laws and regulations. Obeying the law, both in letter and spirit, is one of the foundations on which the Company is built. While ND Defense's business is to be a leading tactical wheeled vehicle original equipment manufacturer serving military, law enforcement, and government agencies worldwide and to provide quality contract manufacturing, it is our commitment and shared common purpose to serve and support our customers that drive our business decisions. "*Freedom Depends on Us*", and we know that our vehicles can make a difference for the troops who risk their lives for all of us. ND Defense's values of *Innovation, Grit, Wit, Depth of Knowledge, and Inherent Power in our Team* are all based on integrity and "doing the right thing", not only as individuals but as a company.

ND Defense's Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (the "Code") outlines the broad standards of legal and ethical business conduct embraced by the Company. It applies to all officers, directors, employees, contracted employees, and independent contractors of ND Defense (collectively, "ND Defense Personnel") when they are representing or acting on behalf of the Company. The Code reflects the general principles to guide ND Defense Personnel in making ethical decisions. The Code is supplemented by the Company's underlying company policies which provide more detailed requirements for compliance. Policies specifically referenced within this Code include only a portion of the total company policies population but represent those that specifically relate to business ethics and conduct. The Code and supporting policies apply to all U.S. operations and facilities, foreign operations, and applicable subsidiaries of the Company. While the Code and supporting policies provide guidelines for expected business behavior, they are not intended to, nor do they address every specific legal or ethical situation. ND Defense Personnel are expected to read, understand, and adhere to the Code using common sense and good judgment, to ask questions, and seek guidance when needed.

This document builds on the values held by ND Defense. We show our integrity in the way we live the Company's values, support our teammates, and deliver on our promises. The Company's reputation is earned one person at a time, and each and every one of us helps contribute to that reputation.



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1.0 ADMINISTRATION

Officers, directors and managers ("Management") of the Company are expected to have profound knowledge of the standards of conduct set forth in the Code and any supplemental policies, and with Company resources available to assist in the resolution of any questions or concerns. Management is expected to promote the standards of conduct set forth in the Code and ensure that employees, contracted employees and independent contractors under their direction are aware of and comply with these standards, as well as all other relevant Company policies and legal requirements.

2.0 ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE TRAINING PROGRAM

ND Defense's Internal Compliance Committee ("ICC") in conjunction with ND Defense Human Resources, will ensure the administration of ethics and compliance training programs to promote and support commitment to ethics and integrity, and to help ensure compliance with the Code, Company policies, and applicable laws and regulations.

3.0 CERTIFICATION

All ND Personnel, must read, comply, and self-certify annually that he/she has read the Code and understands the requirements to comply. Additionally, all new hires to the Company are provided access to the Code (and any supplemental policies referenced herein) upon onboarding and are required to read and certify their receipt, understanding and intent to comply. The Company maintains documentation of employee certification that such training was conducted (either systemic reports by ID or manual signatures, whichever applies).

ND Terms & Conditions (T&Cs) outline the requirement that all independent contractors representing or acting on behalf of the Company and any subcontractors comply with ND's Code. Signing of the purchase order or contracts to accept business with ND are acknowledgment of the duty to comply with ND's Code.

4.0 ACCESS TO CODE AND SUPPLEMENTAL POLICIES

This Code and supplemental policies should be referenced for clarity and further insight to guiding/referenced policies. Not all policies are listed in this Code. The Company's Code and guiding policies are accessible to all ND Defense Personnel via the following:

- Internally the Code and Company policies are available via the ND Policy Portal at: <u>ND Defense Policies</u>
- Externally For independent contractors representing or acting on behalf of the Company and any subcontractors, a link to this Code is available on the Company's website at <u>https://www.nddefense.com/corporate-governance.</u>

5.0 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS

While ND Defense is a commercial, global, for-profit company and maintains a Code of Business Ethics and Conduct including supporting company policies as a matter of corporate governance and good business practice, the Company is also a Government Defense Contractor performing contracts with both U.S. and Foreign Governments/customers. As such, ND Defense must also comply with



government contracting laws and regulations including Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement (DFARS), and Cost Accounting Standards (CAS). Such regulations include provisions that address a Contractor's duty to implement an ethical compliance program.

Government contracting policies and controls are in place throughout ND Defense as safeguards to ensure compliance with Government contracting statutes and regulations. No matter how well these policies and controls are communicated and enforced by management, there may be instances where controls are circumvented and violations of statutes, regulations and/or company policies occur. In such cases, the Company and its personnel have a responsibility to report such violations.

6.0 **REPORTING AND INVESTIGATING SUSPECTED VIOLATIONS**

- a. A responsibility to "Speak Up". All ND Defense Personnel are responsible for expressing concerns regarding compliance with the Code and related policies and for reporting any suspected violations of the Code, related policies, or the law. If you are in or aware of a situation that you believe may violate or lead to a violation of the Code, company policy, the law and/or regulations, you have a responsibility to speak up. Company policy 09-03-03 <u>Reporting</u> <u>Complaints, Grievances & Suspected Violations and Anti-Retaliation</u> outlines this responsibility.
- b. **How to file a report.** If you ever see someone violating this Code and/or company policies, if you suspect unethical, illegal, or unsafe activity or misconduct, you should immediately contact one of the following depending on the nature of the complaint or observation:
 - Immediate supervisor or next higher-level manager (normal first course of action)
 - ND's VP Human Resources at <u>Susan.Dittrich@NDDefense.com</u> or local HR Director
 - ND's General Counsel at <u>Stacey.Prange@NDDefense.com</u>
 - Local Security office or FSO
- c. Anonymous Reporting. You may also report actual or suspected violations anonymously by contacting the Company's independent *Business Abuse and Compliance Hotline* at 1-855-650-0005 or <u>https://report.syntrio.com/nddefense</u>. For contact information other than English speaking USA & Canada, refer to policy 09-03-03 <u>Reporting Complaints, Grievances & Suspected Violations and Anti-Retaliation</u>.
- d. **Rights and Protections.** ND Defense seeks to respect and preserve the confidentiality of personnel who report in good faith any issues and incidents. We absolutely prohibit retaliation against anyone who raises a potential concern or issue.
- e. Investigations of Complaints/Grievances. Any actual or suspected complaints or violations reported in accordance with company policy 09-03-03 <u>Reporting Complaints, Grievances & Suspected Violations and Anti-Retaliation</u> are taken seriously. When an allegation of prohibited conduct is reported, ND Defense will promptly undertake a thorough investigation in accordance with company policy 01-08-01 <u>Ethics & Business Conduct, Legal and HR Non-Compliance Investigations</u>.
- f. Reporting Requirements. Company policy 01-08-02 External Disclosure & Reporting <u>Requirements of Non-Compliance Matters</u> covers the requirements and scope of instances where, if after internally investigating any instances of non-compliance or wrong-doing in accordance with policy 01-08-01 <u>Ethics & Business Conduct, Legal and HR Non-Compliance</u> <u>Investigations</u>, it is required or the Company deems it necessary to report such instances to



external parties including agencies of the United States Government (USG), law enforcement, third party investors, lenders, and suppliers, etc.

7.0 ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

7.1 Financial Responsibility

ND Defense has a responsibility to report accurate, complete and timely financial statements and results on a regular basis to Company Ownership, and any lenders or other third party investors in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Refer to policies 01-02-01 <u>Company Financial Responsibility</u> and 01-02-02 <u>Relationship with</u> <u>Independent Auditors</u> for additional information.

7.2 Conflicts of Interest

ND Defense has many customers (government or commercial), suppliers, and other business partners, all of whom are important to the success of the Company. Each of these relationships must be based entirely on sound business decisions and fair dealing. All Company personnel (employees, contractors and Third-Party Representatives acting on behalf of ND Defense) must avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance of such when conducting Company business.

Refer to policies 01-06-01 <u>Personal Conflicts of Interest</u>, 01-06-02 <u>Organizational Conflicts of Interest</u>, 01-05-01 <u>Procurement Integrity Act</u>, and 09-01-06 <u>Employment and Supervision of Closely Related Persons</u> for additional information.

7.3 Gifts, Business Courtesies and Entertainment

During the course of business, it is occasionally common for ND Defense to exchange gifts, business courtesies and entertainment with various business partners, including suppliers, vendors, and customers. Strict policies and regulations exist governing the appropriateness of such exchanges and, if they occur, the proper recording of such transactions as allowable or unallowable costs. We must never offer, make payment, or provide anything else of value directly or indirectly to government officials to influence the placement of contracts, obtain a business advantage or secure political or business concessions.

Due to the complexity of rules and potential conflict of interest presented by gifts and business courtesies, and due to their legal interpretations, individuals should contact the Company's General Counsel or a member of the ICC for guidance regarding the appropriateness of such exchanges.

Refer to policies 01-07-01 <u>Gifts, Business Courtesies and Entertainment</u> and 01-04-01 <u>Anti-</u> <u>Corruption, Anti-Kickback, Anti-Bribery & Foreign Corrupt Practices Act</u> for additional information.

7.4 Time Keeping and Labor Charging

All employees and contractors are responsible for ensuring their labor hours, travel, and other business expenses are recorded timely, honestly, accurately and in accordance with policies and procedures.

Refer to policy 04-03-07 Time Keeping for additional information.

8.0 COMMUNICATION AND SAFEGUARDING ASSETS & INFORMATION



8.1 Company Communications

ND Defense aims to provide clear, accurate and consistent communications to both external and internal stakeholders. Only *authorized spokespersons* as defined by policy are authorized to make statements or disclose non-public information about the Company. Employees and contractors, not specifically authorized to do so, must never publicly speak on the Company's behalf, or publicly comment on ND Defense related matters. Such external communication applies to Media Relations, Public Speaking, externally distributed White Papers, and Social Media.

While Social Media (including blogs and all forms of social networks) are prevalent in our global society, strict company policy exists as to both its personal and business/professional use by ND Defense Personnel, with only occasional or incidental personal non-business use being permitted.

Refer to policies 01-03-01 <u>Company Communications</u> and 01-03-03 <u>Social Media</u> for additional information.

8.2 Computer Usage

The use of technology is essential in helping ND Defense achieve its business objectives. Although it can be a powerful tool when used properly, the misuse of technology could also pose serious risks for the Company and our employees/contractors. Sound security practices must be employed at all times to prevent unauthorized access to Company systems and data. When utilizing the Company's technology, all users are expected to act in a manner that is compliant with company policies.

Refer to policies 10-01-01 Information Security Policy, 10-01-03 User Acceptable Use Information Systems and Technology, and 10-01-04 Visitor Acceptable Use for additional information.

8.3 Confidential or Proprietary Information

Employees, contractors, and third-party representatives acting on ND Defense's behalf are responsible for protecting the Company's confidential and proprietary information from unauthorized disclosure whether internal or external, deliberate, or accidental.

Refer to policy 01-07-03 Confidential or Proprietary Information for additional information.

8.4 Handling of Classified and CUI Information

ND Defense has an obligation to comply with laws and regulations that protect USG classified information, protect our nation's security, and safeguard our nation's secrets. When Company personnel have been granted security clearances and have necessary access to classified information, or if Company personnel should need to handle Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI), the Company will ensure the information is handled in strict accordance with applicable USG regulations and procedures for safeguarding such information, including applicable agency procedures.

Refer to policy 12-01-02 <u>Handling of Classified Information</u> and 12-01-06 <u>Controlled Unclassified</u> <u>Information (CUI) Program</u> for additional information.

8.5 Intellectual Property

Company personnel must be cautious never to disclose trade secrets, including, but not limited to, operational plans, patterns and devices that give ND Defense a competitive advantage. Additionally, Company personnel must be diligent to optimize the use of patents, trademarks, and copyrights to protect intellectual property. Conversely, we must respect the intellectual property belonging to other entities and must not use intellectual property obtained through illegal or unethical means.



Refer to policy 01-07-09 Intellectual Property for additional information.

8.6 Data Privacy

ND Defense collects personal data from its employees and contractors (current and former) for business purposes, such as administering employment and benefits programs. We take our responsibility to guard and protect the privacy of this personal data very seriously. It is imperative that we collect, handle, store, dispose of and share personal data with extreme care, according to documented policies and procedures and for disclosed business purposes only.

Refer to policy 09-01-08 <u>Personal Data & Personnel Records - Privacy and Access</u> for additional information.

8.7 Insider Trading

In the normal course of business, the Company's employees, contractors and third-party representatives acting on the Company's behalf may become aware of material information about ND Defense, parent or affiliated companies of ND Defense or companies that do business with ND Defense that is not publicly available to all investors. Material, non-public information generally means information that, if disclosed, would influence a reasonable investor's decision to buy, sell or hold a security, including but not limited to an earnings announcement, a prospective acquisition announcement and other important information about company plans or expectations. Company personnel must not share this information with anyone, including other ND Defense Personnel. Insider trading laws strictly prohibit those in possession of such information from engaging in securities transactions based on that information.

Refer to policy 01-07-02 Insider Trading for additional information.

8.8 Records Management

The integrity, accuracy and retention of documents and records are necessary to comply with regulatory and legal requirements and to ensure records are available to support ND Defense's business practices and actions. ND Defense Personnel are responsible for the integrity and accuracy of ND Defense's documents and records. No one may alter or falsify information on any record or document. No one may ever destroy a document and/or record in an effort to deny authorities that which may be relevant to an investigation or audit.

9.0 **RESPECT FOR PEOPLE**

9.1 Non Discrimination

ND Defense cultivates a work environment which is free of any type of unlawful discrimination and where all individuals may grow, succeed, are valued, and contribute to the Company's overall success

Refer to policy 09-01-01 Non-Discrimination for additional information.

9.2 Harassment

ND Defense is committed to maintaining an inclusive work environment in which all persons are treated with respect and are not subjected to any type of harassment, including sexual harassment. The Company strictly prohibits any offensive or inappropriate conduct or language that constitutes unlawful harassment as defined by the courts under applicable federal, state or local law. ND Defense prohibits



offensive or inappropriate verbal, written or physical conduct directed towards our employees, contractors, customers, or visitors.

Refer to policy 09-03-06 Harassment for additional information.

9.3 Workplace Violence Prevention

Violent acts, threats, or intimidation committed by or against our employees, contractors, visitors, or other third parties on any of our owned, controlled, or leased properties, or while conducting our business at any location, including representing the Company at conferences or offsite meetings, will not be tolerated. The possession of firearms or weapons is prohibited on Company property, if in concurrence with local and state law, as well as off-site when conducting Company business, except when approved for special job functions, such as certain security positions.

Refer to policies 09-03-04 <u>Workplace Violence Prevention</u> and 09-03-05 <u>Firearms and Weapons</u> for additional information.

9.4 Safety and Health

ND Defense is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy workplace to protect its employees, contractors, and visitors. The Company complies with applicable safety and health laws and regulations in all countries where we operate. We develop, administer, and continuously improve operational practices with the objective of preventing occupational injuries and illnesses. We provide education, training and support for employees and contractors to allow them to perform their work in a safe manner and encourage them to accept responsibility for maintaining a safe work environment. All Personnel are expected to immediately report any work-related accident, illness or unsafe working condition or practice.

A variety of policies and site-specific procedures are maintained including, but not limited to: the handling, storage and disposal of certain items/materials; the use of company equipment and machinery; and requirements for personal protective equipment (PP&E) in order to maintain a safe and healthy workplace as well as comply with regulatory requirements of OSHA and ISO.

9.5 Alcohol and Drug Use

ND Defense is committed to providing a safe and productive work environment and manufacturing quality products for our customers. Maintaining a drug-free and alcohol-free environment improves workplace safety, productivity, and quality. Accordingly, all Personnel are prohibited from:

- Being under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or abused prescription medicine, including cannabis, while working on a Company facility, performing company business, and attending company-sponsored events or events in support of the company; drinking in excess at companysponsored events or events in support of the company where alcohol is served, or drinking any amount of alcohol while using a company vehicle.
- Possession of alcohol, controlled substances, illegal drugs, cannabis, fraudulent prescriptions, or prescription medicine in someone else's name while on Company property.
- The presence of any detectable amount of illegal drug, including cannabis, or illegal controlled substance in their bodily system while performing Company business or on a Company facility.
- The manufacture or sale of alcohol, controlled substances, illegal drugs, including cannabis, or
 prescription medicine on Company property, at Company events or while conducting Company
 business.



Refer to policy 09-03-02 Use of Drugs & Alcohol for additional information.

9.6 Combating Trafficking in Persons

ND Defense is committed to mitigating the risk of human trafficking and forced labor and strive for the protection of human rights in all aspects of our business. The U.S. Government has a zero-tolerance policy regarding any Government employees, contractor personnel and their agents engaging in any severe form of trafficking in persons, defined to mean "the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery and sex trafficking".

Refer to policy 01-07-06 Combating Trafficking in Persons for additional information.

10.0 GOVERNMENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

In addition to the policies, laws and regulations already set forth above in this Code, ND Defense as a global company and government contractor must also follow laws and regulations related to fair competition, domestic and foreign law, and international trade in dealings with both our commercial and government customers.

10.1 Anti-Corruption and Anti-Bribery

In business, it is common for ND Defense Personnel to interact with local and federal government officials. Personnel must comply with all applicable anti-corruption and anti-bribery laws including, but not limited to, the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, as well as all applicable laws in other countries including those influenced by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions. Personnel must never offer, promise to make or make payment or provide anything else of value directly or indirectly to government officials to influence the placement of contracts, obtain a business advantage, secure political or business concessions or induce a government employee to perform a routine duty or service.

Refer to policy 01-04-01 <u>Anti-Corruption, Anti-Kickback, Anti-Bribery & Foreign Corrupt Practices</u> <u>Act</u> for additional information. See also 8.3 Gifts, Business Courtesies and Entertainment section above.

10.2 Fair Competition

The antitrust laws of the United States and the competition laws of other countries are a critical part of the business environment in which ND Defense operates. It is crucial for ND Defense Personnel conducting company business to know, understand and comply fully with the Code of Conduct and those laws and regulations that govern interaction with our competitors and dealers.

Refer to policies 01-05-01 <u>Procurement Integrity Act</u>, 01-05-03 <u>Antitrust Laws</u>, and 01-05-05 <u>Truthful Cost or Pricing Data (TINA)</u> for additional information.

10.3 Trade Regulations

The United States uses international trade controls to protect our national security and domestic economy, and to promote foreign policy. These laws apply to tangible products as well as technology, technical data, software programs, trade secrets and other similar types of information. ND Defense Personnel must comply with all import and export laws and regulations, including providing accurate



and timely data, obtaining appropriate licenses, determining restrictions on exports and screening parties involved in transactions. Violation of import/export laws can damage U.S. national security and foreign policy objectives, and the penalties for violations are severe. Additionally, Company Personnel must not engage in foreign boycotts that the U.S. does not sanction and must promptly report any request to engage in such activity.

Refer to policies 07-01-01 <u>Trade Regulations & International Trade</u>, 07-01-02 <u>International Traffic in</u> <u>Arms Regulations (ITAR)</u>, 07-01-03 <u>Foreign Assets Control</u>, and 07-01-05 <u>Export Administration</u> <u>Regulations (EAR)</u> for additional information.

10.4 Other Government Laws and Regulations

To avoid potential penalties and preserve ND Defense's reputation, it is important that we conduct our business in compliance with applicable laws and regulations in all of the countries in which we operate.

In addition to the government laws and regulations and related policies already referenced above, refer to policies 01-04-05 <u>Government Laws and Regulations - Domestic and Foreign</u>, 01-04-09 <u>Department of Defense Priority Rating</u>, 01-05-06 <u>False Claims and False Statements Acts</u>, and 01-05-07 <u>Debarment and Suspension of Contractors</u> for additional information.

10.5 Government Investigations

Representatives from government agencies sometimes contact ND Defense to obtain information related to a government investigation or inquiry, and/or audits in conjunction with our government contracts. In such situations, we seek to cooperate with the government representatives while still preserving the right to privacy for matters considered confidential to the Company that are not material to the investigation or not within the scope of the audit. If you are contacted by a representative from law enforcement, public or court official regarding any aspect of ND Defense's business or the status of an individual's employment with the Company, inform your immediate supervisor. For non-routine requests, the Company's General Counsel must be notified.

Refer to policies 01-04-06 <u>Government Investigations</u> and 01-04-10 <u>U.S. Government Audits and</u> <u>Examinations</u> for additional information.

10.6 Political Activities

ND Defense encourages all Personnel to participate in the political process (i.e. voting, volunteering for their favorite candidates and parties and potentially serving in a political capacity) but may only participate in such activities on their own time and with their own resources. Employees or contracted representatives acting on the Company's behalf who contact federal, state, or local government legislators, officials, or employees to influence legislation or regulations may be engaged in regulated lobbying activities. ND Defense's General Counsel must provide consultation to determine whether such contact with government personnel constitutes lobbying.

Refer to policy 01-04-04 Political & Lobbying Activities for additional information.

11.0 CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP

11.1 Charitable Contributions

ND Defense strongly believes in giving back to the community by providing financial contributions and other company resources to support non-profit community organizations. We contribute to charitable, welfare, health, education, and other types of non-profit institutions primarily in the communities in which we have major operations and with military organizations that the Company supports. To ensure



Company contributions are aligned with business and social responsibility objectives, are within budget limitations, and are compliant with all applicable laws and regulatory requirements, all company donations must be approved in writing prior to payment in accordance with policy.

Refer to policy 01-03-05 Charitable Contributions for additional information.

11.2 Environmental Protection and Energy Conservation

ND Defense adheres to high standards of environmental quality. We promote the efficient use of energy, the reduction of waste and the environmentally safe handling of materials in all our facilities and throughout the entire product life cycle.

Refer to policy 01-07-05 <u>Environmental Protection and Energy Conservation</u> for additional information.

12.0 CUSTOMER AND SUPPLIER RELATIONS

12.1 Quality

ND Defense must deliver high-quality, safe products and services. We are committed to meeting or exceeding all governmental and military safety standards and contractual specifications applicable to our products.

Refer to policy 06-01-01 Quality Policy for additional information.

12.2 Supplier Relations

ND Defense believes that building and maintaining a "best-in-class" supplier base is critical to perpetuating our leadership position in the industry. We are expected to act in a fair, ethical, and lawful manner in all dealings with suppliers. We maintain programs that promote increased business with diverse suppliers (including minority, women, and veteran owned, service-disabled and small and disadvantaged businesses), to comply with applicable laws and develop our supplier base.

Policies, manuals and procedures are maintained to cover the entire procurement cycle including, but not limited to, supplier evaluation and selection, item determination, price and cost analysis, terms and conditions, contracts requirement "flow down" to subcontractors, supplier representations and certifications, and documentation requirements and retention.