**What does the Defense Industrial Base need to reopen and/or recover from COVID-19?**

**Summary of Responses from Industry Associations**

**Personal protective equipment (PPE) access and guidance**

* 23% of NDIA survey respondents need help procuring proper PPE to keep their workforces safe. Most of these are small businesses.
* Industry needs clear guidance on standards and protocols for PPE equipment, including:
	+ How will contractors will be informed of these standards and protocols?
	+ Will these standards and protocols be applied across DoD facilities?
	+ Will contractors and DIB workers have to follow the same guidelines as government workers?
	+ Who will be responsible for providing PPE to workers, and who will cover costs?
	+ How will DoD address access to PPE for OCONUS workers?
* Recommendation: U.S. should move production of PPE and other emergency medical items (ventilators, essential high volume medications) to within the U.S. and its territories.

**Consistent reopening guidance across the U.S.**

* State and local restrictions will affect physical reopening dates and the number of personnel that can return to work. How will DoD address these differences when developing and implementing guidance?

**Teleworking guidance**

* Higher risk employees may be unable to return to their offices, so telework will be critical.
	+ Recommendation: Industry requests that DoD reaffirm at every level a strong preference for continuing telework by eligible federal employees and contractors.