

Distributed Learning System (DLS) First Article (FA) Inspection

First Article (FA) inspections, are required for this order due to the new design aspect of this equipment. It is imperative that a FA inspection be performed by the DLS Mobile Digital Training Facility (MDTF) Development Team to verify the form, fit, and function aspects of this material prior to delivery of the entire contracted order.

Upon contract award, vendor must provide a “first article” for verification and fit-testing, prior to fulfillment of the entire order. DLS MDTF managers and engineers will perform a First Article (FA) inspection prior to entire order processing.

First Article (FA) inspection planning prior to full production run of this contracted material involves:

- Receiving Inspection which assures the FA inspections have been performed on at least one example of each applicable item, set, or module.
- Examination and verification of intended key design characteristics.
- Examination and verification of ergonomic and logistic interface of material within the scope of its intended use.
- Examination and verification of material functionality within the scope of its intended use.
- Engineering review of examination results and evidence which may warrant any adjustments to the contracted material.
- Review of final examination results with management to determine what action will be taken.
- Take action to assure all discrepancies found in the FA inspection are resolved.
- After successful completion of a discrepancy-free FA inspection, notify vendor to process full contract order.