



# Initial Questions to Explore with the UID Forum Vendors

## Developed by the AIM NA UID Supplier Alliance Committee

To make your experience at the Forum as productive as possible, these questions can serve as conversation “starters” when visiting with vendors in the exhibit hall.

### Creating a UID Number

How do I begin the process of creating a UID number?

What information must be contained within the UID number?

Do I use Construct one or Construct two or a commercial equivalent?

### Managing UID Data

How do I manage UID data along with item pedigree data?

How does the data management change whether I'm managing end item deliverables, GPF, or legacy items?

What's the best way to manage embedded or parent/child relationships?

How do I manage UID lifecycle events?

What's the difference between virtual UII's vs. physically marked UII's and how does that affect me?

How does managing UID data for compliance fit into my existing information systems and business process?

### Marking and Labeling Items with UID

What is the correct way of marking a part given the environment the part is exposed to?

When should I use direct part marking versus data plates or labels?

How do I select the right type(s) of data plates or labels?

What do I need to know about adhesives?

Can I use my existing marking equipment?

Can I use multiple marking technologies in my facility?

How do I select the right marking technology for my needs?

What are the pros and cons of each marking technique?

### Verification

What is verification? What is validation?

Will you be verifying labels, marked parts, or both?

Do you use parts with any curved surfaces?

### Verification (continued)

Must I verify each mark that is printed?

What must I do to correct a mark that cannot be read?

### Registration of UID Items

What are my options for registering UID data?

How does WAWF fit into the UID registration requirement?

What are the pros and cons of sending UID data through WAWF vs. direct to the IUID Registry?

How do I get online with the UID Registry?

How do I enter my item information into the Registry?

How do I manage my UID updates once it is entered?

Who else can access my information and why?

### RFID Label Printing

How does RFID relate to UID?

Can I use one printer for both UID & RFID case labels?

What MUST I know about RFID technology in order to use it for shipments?

Is RFID mandatory and what does it cost?

### How the Data Can Be Used

How can I use UID data within my own company?

Can I track GFP within my facility with UID?

What can I do with all the data I will be gathering? What can I use this information for?

### UID Compliance Systems

For multiple facilities, do I need to install software at each facility?

How long does it take to get up and running?

What are the computer system requirements?

What are installation and training requirements?

How are changes to the DoD requirements updated?

As my requirements increase, how do I increase the number of users for the system?

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