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THIRD TIER SUPPLIERS REQUIREMENTS

Executive Summary

This document describes the identified needs, views and requirements of third tier aeronautical suppliers with respect to the research themes of the VIVACE project. The task logic and methods used are described, as structured into five phases:

- Identification of operation areas likely to affect the behaviour of suppliers and guiding their approach to the research subjects of VIVACE;
- Development and application of a profiling mechanism, capable of supporting the identification of common attitudes and behaviours (suppliers' profile) towards the proposed research themes;
- Preliminary Identification of requirements, based on results from previous RTD projects, and initialisation of a suppliers community interested in the discussion of suppliers' expectations from and constraints on the VIVACE research;
- Coordination of open workshops for the collection of suppliers' comments and activation of a specific site devoted to the suppliers requirements, in order to improve and refine the formulation of suppliers needs relevant to the VIVACE project;
- Analysis of questionnaires compiled by invited 3rd Tier Suppliers, evaluation of findings against deliverables by other VIVACE tasks, and participation to Forum 2 of VIVACE project (October 2006) to collect additional comments and information.

Contents of this paper are aligned with the final version of the official project deliverable; the document is published as a dissemination mechanism and in view of soliciting feedback and additional suggestions by 3rd tier and smaller suppliers in the aeronautic value chain.