hold a meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) to orient new members and introduce them to the Council system. The meeting will be held in Charleston, SC.

**DATES:** The SSC meeting will be held April 29–30, 2008. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The SSC meeting will be held at 4055 Faber Place Drive, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571–4366.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571–4366; email: *Kim.Iverson@safmc.net.* 

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the SSC is the body responsible for reviewing the Council's scientific materials. The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its SSC to provide orientation for new members appointed in March 2008. Members will be briefed on SAFMC operating procedures and administrative issues, and discuss the tasks and responsibilities of SSC membership.

#### **SSC Meeting Schedule:**

April 29, 2008, 1 p.m.–5 p.m., April 30, 2008, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### **Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

Dated: March 18, 2008.

### Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. E8–5801 Filed 3–20–08; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3510–22–S

### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### Office of the Secretary

### [Transmittal Nos. 08-44]

#### 36(b)(I) Arms Sales Notification

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

### **ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104–164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601–3740.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 08–44 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: March 17, 2008.

### L.M. Bynum

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer Department of Defense. BILLING CODE 5001-06-P



DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

> MAR 1 2 2008 In reply refer to: USP003043-08

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-6501

**Dear Madam Speaker:** 

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms

Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No.

08-44, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and

Acceptance to Iraq for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$1,389

million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a press

statement to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

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Richard J. Millies Acting Director

**Enclosures:** 

- 1. Transmittal
- 2. Policy Justification
- 3. Sensitivity of Technology

## Same ltr to:

<u>House</u> Committee on Foreign Affairs Committee on Armed Services Committee on Appropriations <u>Senate</u> Committee on Foreign Relations Committee on Armed Services Committee on Appropriations

## **Transmittal No. 08-44**

# Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

## (i) **Prospective Purchaser**: Iraq

| (ii) | <b>Total Estimated Value:</b> |                         |
|------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
|      | Major Defense Equipment*      | \$ 270 million          |
|      | Other                         | \$ <u>1,119 million</u> |
|      | TOTAL                         | \$1,389 million         |

- (iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: 700 M1151 High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV) Armored Gun Trucks, 4,000 AN/PVS-7D Night Vision Devices, and 100,000 M16A4 Assault Rifles . Also included are: (200) Commercial Ambulances, (16) Bulldozers, (300) Light Gun Trucks, (150) Motorcycles, (90) Recovery Trucks, (30) 20 ton Heavy Trailer, (1,400) 8 ton Medium Trailers, (3,000) 4X4 Utility Trucks, (120) 12K Fuel Tank Trucks, (80) Heavy Tractor Trucks, (120) 10K Water Tank Trucks, (208) 8 ton Heavy Trucks, (800) Light Utility Trailers, (8) Cranes, (60) Heavy Recovery Vehicles, (16) Loaders, (300) Sedans, (200) 500 gal Water Tank Trailers, (1,500) 1 ton Light Utility Trailers, (50) 40 ton Low Bed Trailers, (40) Heavy Fuel Tanker Trucks, (20) 2000 gal Water Tanker Trucks, (2,000) 5 ton Medium Trucks, (120) Armored IEDD Response Vehicles, (1,200) 8 ton Medium Cargo Trucks, (1,100) 40mm Grenade Launchers, (3,300) 9mm Pistols with Holsters, (400) Aiming Posts, (140,000) M16A4 Magazines, (100,000) M4 Weapons, (65) 5K Generators, (5,400) hand-held VHF radio sets, (3,500) vehicular VHF radio sets, (32) Air Conditioner Charger kits, (32) Air Conditioner Testers, (4,000) binoculars, (20) electrician tool kits, (600) large general purpose tents, (700) small command general purpose tents, medical equipment, organizational clothing and individual equipment, standard and non-standard vehicle spare and repair parts, maintenance, support equipment, publications and documentation, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) Military Department: Army (VBO-VBZ)
- (v) Prior Related Cases, if any: none
- \* as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

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- (vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: none
- (vii) <u>Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services</u> <u>Proposed to be Sold</u>: See Annex attached.
- (viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: MAR 1 2 2008

# **POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

# <u>Iraq – Various Vehicles, Small Arms and Ammunition, Communication</u> Equipment, Medical Equipment, and Clothing and Individual Equipment

The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale of 700 M1151 High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV) Armored Gun Trucks, 4,000 AN/PVS-7D Night Vision Devices, and 100,000 M16A4 Assault Rifles. Also included are: (200) Commercial Ambulances, (16) Bulldozers, (300) Light Gun Trucks, (150) Motorcycles, (90) Recovery Trucks, (30) 20 ton Heavy Trailer, (1,400) 8 ton Medium Trailers, (3,000) 4X4 Utility Trucks, (120) 12K Fuel Tank Trucks, (80) Heavy Tractor Trucks, (120) 10K Water Tank Trucks, (208) 8 ton Heavy Trucks, (800) Light Utility Trailers, (8) Cranes, (60) Heavy Recovery Vehicles, (16) Loaders, (300) Sedans, (200) 500 gal Water Tank Trailers, (1,500) 1 ton Light Utility Trailers, (50) 40 ton Low Bed Trailers, (40) Heavy Fuel Tanker Trucks, (20) 2000 gal Water Tanker Trucks, (2,000) 5 ton Medium Trucks, (120) Armored IEDD Response Vehicles, (1,200) 8 ton Medium Cargo Trucks, (1,100) 40mm Grenade Launchers, (3,300) 9mm Pistols with Holsters, (400) Aiming Posts, (140,000) M16A4 Magazines, (100,000) M4 Weapons, (65) 5K Generators, (5,400) hand-held VHF radio sets, (3,500) vehicular VHF radio sets, (32) Air Conditioner Charger kits, (32) Air Conditioner Testers, (4,000) binoculars, (20) electrician tool kits, (600) large general purpose tents, (700) small command general purpose tents, medical equipment, organizational clothing and individual equipment, standard and non-standard vehicle spare and repair parts, maintenance, support equipment, publications and documentation, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$1,389 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country.

The proposed sale of these vehicles, equipment, and support will enhance the ability of the Iraqi forces to sustain themselves in their efforts to bring stability to Iraq and to prevent overflow of unrest into neighboring countries.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The contractors are unknown as this time. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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With the volume and wide range of items and equipment in this proposed sale, levels of US Government and Contractor technical assistance will be required, but cannot be fully defined at this time. The use of existing deployed U.S. military personnel will be maximized.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

### **Transmittal No. 08-44**

# Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

## Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The AN/PVS-7D Night Vision Device is the U.S. military standard issue goggle that uses a single generation 2I image tube in a dual eye configuration. The PVS-7D incorporates an infrared illuminator with a momentary and continuous on switching function. The PVS-7D is an unclassified system but has embedded technology that is considered sensitive.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

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### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Missile Defense Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense; Missile Defense Agency (MDA). **ACTION:** Notice of Closed Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and the Sunshine in Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) and 41 CFR 102–3.150, the Department of Defense announces that the following Federal advisory committee meeting will take place.

*Name of Committee:* Missile Defense Advisory Committee.

*Dates of Meeting:* Wednesday, April 2 and Thursday, April 3, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Security clearance and visit requests are required for access.

*Location:* 7100 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–7100.

Purpose of the Meeting: At this meeting, the committee will receive classified briefings by Missile Defense Agency senior staff, Program Managers, senior Department of Defense leaders, representatives from industry and the Services on the appropriate role for the Missile Defense Agency in Cruise Missile Defense.

*Agenda:* Topics tentatively scheduled for discussion include, but are not limited to administrative work; Service (Air Force and Navy) Cruise Missile Defense Capabilities and Perspectives; the Asymmetric Threat Study; and development of draft outbrief to the Director, Missile Defense Agency.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102–3.155 the Missile Defense Agency has determined that the meeting shall be closed to the public. The Director, Missile Defense Agency, in consultation with the Missile Defense Agency Office of General Counsel, has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the committee's meeting will be closed to the public because they will be concerned with classified information and matters covered by section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

*Committee's Designated Federal Officer:* Mr. Al Bready, *mdac@mda.mil*, phone/voice mail 703–695–6438, or mail at 7100 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–7100.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal

Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the membership of the Missile Defense Advisory Committee about its mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting of the Missile Defense Advisory Committee.

All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the Missile Defense Advisory Committee, in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file formats: Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word or MS PowerPoint), and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Contact information for the Designated Federal Officer is as stated above and can also be obtained from the GSA's Federal Advisory Committee Act Database-https://www.fido.gov/ facadatabase/public.asp.

Statements being submitted in response to the agenda mentioned in this notice must be received by the Designated Federal Officer at the address listed at least five calendar days prior to the meeting which is the subject of this notice. Written statements received after this date may not be