

2. The ramifications of this technology getting into the hands of an adversary are severe. Software such as the Emitters Information Display (EID) software of the APR-39 system could provide an adversary with critical information on how our US Army Survivability Equipment (ASE) systems detect threats and what threats we are attempting to defeat. The same is true for the Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) systems, which allow us to know if an aircraft is friendly or a threat. Should a fill device or crypto asset (KY.58 or KY 100) with the accompanying radio system become compromised it would enable an adversary to intercept our communications, both verbal and encrypted.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which 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

[Transmittal Nos. 08-51]

36(b)(1) 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 08-51 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

April 29, 2008.

Patricia L. Toppings,
OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

APR 21 2008
In reply refer to:
USP003760-08

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. 08-51, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$58 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,
Richard J. Millies
Deputy Director

Enclosures:

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

Same ltr to:

House
Committee on Foreign Affairs
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations

Senate
Committee on Foreign Relations
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations

Transmittal No. OS-Si

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

- (1) Prospective Purchaser: Australia
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:
- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$33 million |
| Other | <u>\$25 million</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$58 million</u> |
- (ii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: 2,400 Modular Artillery Charge Systems (MACS), 250 XM982 Block Ia-i Excalibur Unitary Projectiles with base bleed units, 43 Portable Excalibur Fire Control Systems (PEFCS), 43 ANIPRC-119 Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System (SINCGARS) w/o GPS, training ammunition, containers, support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, maintenance, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor representatives', engineering and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) Military Department: Army (UCX)
- (v) Prior Related Cases, if any: FMS case UCD - \$37 million - pending
- (vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: none
- (vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Articles or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Annex attached
- (viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: APR 21 2008

* as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATIONAustralia - Modular Artillery Charge System, M982 Block Ia-2 Excalibur Projectiles

The Government of Australia requested a possible sale of 2,400 Modular Artillery Charge Systems (MACS), 250 XM982 Block Ia-i Excalibur Unitary Projectiles with base bleed units, 43 Portable Excalibur Fire Control Systems (PEFCS), 43 AN/PRC119 Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System (SINCGARS) w/o GPS, training ammunition, containers, support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, maintenance, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor representatives' engineering and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$58 million.

Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region. Australia's efforts in peacekeeping and humanitarian operations in Iraq and in Afghanistan have had a significant impact on regional, political, and economic stability and have served U.S. national security interests. This proposed sale is consistent with those objectives and facilitates burden sharing with our allies.

The proposed sale will enhance Australia's defensive capabilities and increase interoperability with United States and multi-national forces supporting coalition operations. The country will have no difficulty absorbing this new capability into its military.

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

The principal contractors will be:

Raytheon Missile Systems (Excalibur)	Tucson, Arizona
ITT (SINCGARS)	Roanoke, Virginia
General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products (MACS)	Camden, Arkansas

There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of eight contractor representatives (two in-country for a period of two weeks each), and six U.S. government representatives (two in-country for a period of one-two weeks each).

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

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Annex
Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The XM982 Excalibur Projectile is a family of precision, extended-range modular projectiles incorporating three unique payload capabilities divided into Block configurations. Block I consists of high-explosive, fragmenting, or penetrating unitary munitions to enhance traditional fire support operations with increased range, improved accuracy, and reduced collateral damage against personnel, light material, and structure targets. It provides capability to attack all three key target sets, soft and armored vehicles, and reinforced bunkers, out to ranges exceeding current 155mm family of artillery munitions. An internal Global Positioning System (GPS) updates the inertial navigation system, providing precision guidance and improved accuracy. Excalibur is effective in all weather and terrain. The target, platform location, and GPS-specific data are inductively entered into the projectile's mission computer, located in the nose of the projectile.

2. The XM982 and M982 projectile and components are Unclassified; however, the terminal effects, target effects, GPS Anti-Jam vulnerabilities and render safe procedures are classified Secret. The Modular Artillery Charge System is Unclassified. Embedded within the XM982 and M982 projectiles are fuze components with technologies (the know-how, documentation, software) considered critical, the disclosure of which could result in an adversary developing countermeasures to cause premature operation of the fuze, thus lessening the effect of the projectile. The hardware, software, and data identified are classified to protect vulnerabilities, design and performance parameters, and similar critical information.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which 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**

[Docket ID: DoD-2008-OS-0045]

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Industrial Policy (ODUSD(IP)) announces a proposed information

collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 7, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• Mail: Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection, please write to the Office of the Deputy Under