

have an unmitigable adverse impact on the subsistence uses of bowhead whales and other marine mammals. This determination is supported by the information in this **Federal Register** Notice, including: (1) the fall bowhead whale hunt in the Beaufort Sea will either be governed by a CAA between PGS and the AEWC and village whaling captains or by mitigation measures contained in the IHA; (2) the CAA or IHA conditions will significantly reduce impacts on subsistence hunters to ensure that there will not be an unmitigable adverse impact on subsistence uses of marine mammals; (3) because ringed seals are hunted mainly from October through June, although they are available year-round; however, the seismic survey will not occur during the primary period when these seals are typically harvested; and (4) specific provisions to avoid interference with the seal hunts will be integrated into the survey in compliance with the CAA where applicable.

Proposed Authorization

As a result of these preliminary determinations, NMFS proposes to issue an IHA to PGS for conducting a seismic survey in the Beaufort Sea in 2008, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: June 11, 2008.

James H. Lecky,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 08-06]

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 08-06 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: May 5, 2008.

Patricia L. Toppings,

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.*

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**DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY**

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

JUN 03 2008**In reply refer to:****USP002149-08**

**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. 08-06, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Spain for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$156 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Wieringa".

**Jeffrey A. Wieringa
Vice Admiral, USN
Director**

Enclosures:

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

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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. 08-06**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:** Spain
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
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| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 30 million |
| Other | <u>\$126 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$156 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 20 RGM-109E BLOCK IV Surface Ship Vertical Launched TOMAHAWK Land Attack Missiles, 5 Tactical TOMAHAWK weapon control systems hardware and software, canisters, containers, test sets and support equipment, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, operational flight test and communications equipment, technical assistance, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Navy (ANP)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:** none
- (vi) **Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:** none
- (vii) **Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:** See Annex attached
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** JUN 03 2008

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Spain - BLOCK IV TOMAHAWK Land Attack Missiles

The Government of Spain has requested a possible sale of 20 RGM-109E BLOCK IV Surface Ship Vertical Launched TOMAHAWK Land Attack Missiles, 5 Tactical TOMAHAWK weapon control systems hardware and software, canisters, containers, test sets and support equipment, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, operational flight test and communications equipment, technical assistance, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$156 million.

This sale will enhance the Spanish Navy's ability to engage in coalition warfare with the U.S. Navy. The weapons will be carried on the Spanish Navy F-100 Class Frigates. The missiles will be conventionally armed.

Spain continues to invest in advanced weapons systems to maintain its operational effectiveness within North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The weapon's long range and high degree of accuracy will enable Spain to take action while minimizing collateral damage and to reduce the exposure of Spanish forces to hostile fire.

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

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government personnel or contractor representatives to Spain.

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Company, Tucson, Arizona. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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 conventionally armed TOMAHAWK BLOCK IV Land Attack Missile (TLAM-E) consists of the following classified components: The TLAM-E missile (Complete) – Missile components consisting of Guidance Set, Digital Scene Matching Area Correlator (DSMAC), Global Positioning System (GPS) when software is installed, Data Link when software/firmware is installed, Common Missile Radar Altimeter (CMRA), Operational Flight Software, DSMAC Flight Software, and GPS flight software.

2. The Tactical Tomahawk Weapon Control System consists of the following classified data when operationally configured: Operational software and tactical data; Platform Mission Library, threat system data, Pre-mission predictive analysis, Tomahawk Command Information Database, strike data, and Launch Platform Planning Mission Planning.

3. If a technologically capable adversary were to obtain knowledge of this highly sensitive equipment, the technology could be easily absorbed; thereby permitting development of countermeasures which could reduce overall weapon system effectiveness.

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Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: August 1, 2008.
Date of Pre-Application Meeting: July 9, 2008.

Additional information on the RERC program can be found at: <http://www.ed.gov/rschstat/research/pubs/res-program.html#RERC>.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services Overview Information; National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)—Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program—Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers (RERCs)—Universal Interface and Information Technology Access; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.133E-6.

Dates:

Applications Available: June 17, 2008.

Full Text of Announcement**I. Funding Opportunity Description**

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the RERC program is to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, by conducting advanced engineering research and development on innovative technologies that are designed to solve particular rehabilitation problems, or remove environmental barriers. RERCs also demonstrate and evaluate such technologies, facilitate service delivery system changes, stimulate the production and distribution of new technologies and equipment in the private sector, and provide training opportunities.

Priority: The *Universal Interface and Information Technology Access* priority is from the notice of final priorities for the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, published in the **Federal Register** on February 1, 2008 (73 FR 6132).

Note: On February 1, 2008, we also published a notice in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 6166) inviting applications for a number of competitions, including one using the *Universal Interface and Information Technology Access* priority. None of the applications we received for the *Universal Interface and Information Technology Access* competition announced in that notice were successful. Accordingly, through this notice, we are inviting applications for another competition using the *Universal Interface and Information Technology Access* priority.