POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Singapore—AIM–9X SIDEWINDER Missiles

The Government of the Republic of Singapore has requested a possible sale of 20 AIM 9X-2 SIDEWINDER Block II All Up Round Missiles, 8 CATM-9X-2 Captive Air Training Missiles, 5 CATM-9X–2 Block II Missile Guidance units, 2 AIM-9X-2 Block II Tactical Guidance units, containers, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$36 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by increasing the ability of the Republic of Singapore to contribute to regional security. Its contributions to counter-piracy and counterterrorism efforts continue to stabilize a critical chokepoint where much of the world's goods and services transit en route to and from the Asia Pacific region. The proposed sale will improve the security of a strategic partner which has been, and continues to be, an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Asia Pacific region. Specifically, this proposed sale will improve the Republic of Singapore Air Force's (RSAF) air to air capability and ability to defend its nation and cooperate with allied air forces

The Republic of Singapore requires these missiles to meet current and future threats of enemy aircraft. The proposed sale will enhance RSAF's ability to operate with coalition forces in bilateral and multilateral exercises and potential air defense operations. Singapore will use these capabilities as a deterrent to regional threats and to strengthen its homeland defense. Singapore will have no difficulty absorbing the AIM–9X–2 into its armed forces.

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

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

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the Republic of Singapore.

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

Transmittal No. 13-04

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 AIM-9X-2 Block II SIDEWINDER Missile represents a substantial increase in missile acquisition and kinematics performance over the AIM-9M and replaces the AIM-9X Block 1 Missile configuration. The missile includes a high offboresight seeker, enhanced countermeasure rejection capability, low drag/high angle of attack airframe and the ability to integrate the Helmet Mounted Cueing System. The software continues to be modified via a preplanned product improvement (P3I) program in order to improve its countercountermeasure capabilities. No software source code or algorithms will be released. The missile is classified as Confidential.
- 2. The sale of AIM-9X-2 under this FMS case will result in the transfer of sensitive technological information and or/restricted information. The equipment, hardware, and documentation are classified Confidential. The software and operational performance are classified Secret. The seeker/guidance control section and the target detector are necessary to support operational use and organizational management are classified up to Secret. Performance and operating logic of the countercountermeasures circuits are classified Secret. 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, primarily performance characteristics, engagement algorithms and transmitter specific frequencies, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Establishment of the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force

AGENCY: DoD.

ACTION: Establishment of Federal

Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), and 41 CFR 102–3.50(a), the Department of Defense gives notice that it is establishing the charter for the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission"). The Commission has been determined to be in the public interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Freeman, Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703–692–5952.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission is a non-discretionary federal advisory committee that no later than February 1, 2014, shall submit to the President and the Congressional defense committees a report containing a detailed statement of the findings and conclusions of the Commission as a result of the study required by Section 363(a) of the FY 2013 NDAA, together with its recommendations for such legislation and administrative actions it may consider appropriate in light of the results of the study.

In considering the structure of the Air Force, the Commission shall give particular consideration to evaluating a structure that:

- a. Meets current and anticipated requirements of the combatant commands;
- b. Achieves an appropriate balance between the regular and reserve components of the Air Force, taking advantage of the unique strengths and capabilities of each;
- c. Ensures that the regular and reserve components of the Air Force have the capacity needed to support current and anticipated homeland defense and disaster assistance missions in the United States;
- d. Provides for sufficient numbers of regular members of the Air Force to provide a base of trained personnel from which the personnel of the reserve components of the Air Force could be recruited;
- e. Maintains a peacetime rotation force to support operational tempo goals of 1:2 for regular members of the Air

Force and 1:5 for members of the reserve components of the Air Force; and

f. Maximizes and appropriately balances affordability, efficiency, effectiveness, capability, and readiness.

The Commission may hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence as the Commission considers advisable to carry out its mission.

The Commission may secure directly from any Federal department or agency such information as the Commission considers necessary to carry out its duties. Upon request of the Chair of the Commission, the head of such department or agency shall furnish such information to the Commission.

The Commission, pursuant to Section 362(b)(1) of the FY 2013 NDAA, shall be composed of eight members. In making appointments, consideration should be given to individuals with expertise in reserve forces policy. The Commission's membership shall include:

- a. Four appointed by the President; b. One appointed by the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate:
- c. One appointed by the Ranking Member of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate;
- d. One appointed by the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives; and
- e. One appointed by the Ranking Member of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to Section 362(b)(2) of FY 2013 NDAA, the appointments of the members of the Commission shall be made not later than 90 days after the enactment of the FY 2013 NDAA.

If one or more appointments under Section 12, subparagraph (a) above is not made by the appointment date specified in Section 362(b)(2) of the FY 2013 NDAA, the authority to make such appointment or appointments shall expire, and the number of members of the Commission shall be reduced by the number equal to the number of appointments so not made. If an appointment under Section 12, subparagraphs (b)–(e) above is not made by the appointment date specified in Section 362(b)(2) of the FY 2013 NDAA, the authority to make an appointment shall expire, and the number of members of the Commission shall be reduced by the number equal to the number otherwise appointable.

Members shall be appointed for the life of the Commission. Any vacancy in the Commission shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

The Commission members shall select a Chair and Vice Chair from the total membership.

Commission members who are fulltime or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees shall be appointed as regular government employee (RGE) members. Commission members who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees shall be appointed as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109 and serve as special government employee (SGE) members.

Consistent with Section 365(a) of the FY 2013 NDAA, each member of the Commission who is not an officer or employee of the Federal Government shall be compensated at a rate equal to the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Executive Schedule under 5 U.S.C. 5315, for each day (including travel time) during which such member is engaged in the performance of the duties of the Commission. All members of the Commission who are officers or employees of the United States shall serve without compensation in addition to that received for their services as officers or employees of the United

The members of the Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of 5 U.S.C., while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Commission.

The DoD, when necessary and consistent with the Commission's mission and DoD policies/procedures, may establish subcommittees, task forces, or working groups to support the Commission. Establishment of subcommittees will be based upon written determination, to include terms of reference, by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the DA&M, as the sponsor. All subcommittees, task forces, or working groups shall operate under the provisions of the FACA, the Sunshine Act, governing Federal statutes and regulations, and established DoD policies and procedures.

Such subcommittees shall not work independently of the chartered Commission, and shall report all of their recommendations and advice solely to the Commission for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees, task forces, or working groups have no authority to make decisions and recommendations, verbally or in writing, on behalf of the chartered Commission. No subcommittee or any of its members can update or report, verbally or in writing, on behalf of the committee, directly to DoD or any Federal officer or employee.

All subcommittee members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense according to governing DoD policies and procedures even if the member in question is already a member of the Commission. Such individuals, if not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees, shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants, under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109, and shall serve as SGE members.

Subcommittee members, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, may serve a term of service for the life of the subcommittee. With the exception of travel and per diem for official travel related to the Commission or its subcommittees, subcommittee members shall serve without compensation.

The Commission's Designated Federal Officer (DFO), pursuant to DoD policy, shall be a full-time or permanent parttime DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with established DoD policies and

procedures.

In addition, the Commission's DFO is required to be in attendance at all meetings of the Commission and its subcommittees for the entire duration of each and every meeting. However, in the absence of the Commission's DFO, a properly approved Alternate DFO, duly appointed to the Commission according to DoD policies and procedures, shall attend the entire duration of meetings of the Commission and its subcommittees.

The DFO, or the Alternate DFO, shall approve all meetings of the Commission and its subcommittees called by the Chair of the Commission; prepare and approve all meeting agendas; and adjourn any meeting when the DFO, or the Alternate DFO, determines adjournment to be in the public interest or required by governing regulations or DoD policies and procedures. Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force membership about the Commission's mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force.

All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force, and this individual will ensure that the written

statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Contact information for the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force's Designated Federal Officer can be obtained from the GSA's FACA Database—https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp.

The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150, will announce planned meetings of the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force. The Designated Federal Officer, at that time, may provide additional guidance on the submission of written statements that are in response to the stated agenda for the planned meeting in question.

Dated: April 12, 2013.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2013-OS-0075]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Defense Logistics Agency, DoD.
ACTION: Notice to alter a System of
Records.

SUMMARY: The Defense Logistics Agency proposes to alter a system of records in its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This proposed action will be effective on May 20, 2013 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination. Comments will be accepted on or before May 17, 2013.

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

* Federal Rulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

* Mail: Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, 2nd Floor, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350–3100.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number 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: Ms. Jody Sinkler, DLA/FOIA/Privacy Act Office, Headquarters, Defense Logistics Agency, ATTN: DGA, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 1644, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060–6221, or by phone at (703) 767–5045.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of the Secretary of Defense notices for systems of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the Federal Register and are available from the address in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.** The proposed system report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, was submitted on April 1, 2013, to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs. and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals," dated February 8, 1996 (February 20, 1996, 61 FR 6427).

Dated: April 1, 2013.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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SYSTEM NAME:

DLA Hometown News Releases (June 24, 2011; 76 FR 37082).

CHANGES:

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SYSTEM LOCATION:

Delete entry and replace with "Public Affairs Offices of the Defense Logistics Agency. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to DLA's compilation of systems of records notices."

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Delete entry and replace with "Information is provided by the subject individual and may include: Name, hometown, branch of service, rank, pay grade, newsworthy event, marital status, names and hometowns of relatives (parents, stepparents, guardians, aunts/uncles, grandparents, and adult siblings), present unit of assignment, job title, years of military service, education data, and photographs."

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PURPOSE(S):

Delete entry and replace with "Information is collected and maintained for the purpose of distributing information on activities and accomplishments of DLA military and civilian personnel to hometown newspapers and broadcast stations throughout the United States. Information is provided by the individual and is released with the individual's full cooperation and consent."

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Replace second paragraph with "Information is released to hometown newspapers and broadcast stations throughout the United States for the purpose of showcasing the activities and accomplishments of the DLA military or civilian member."

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Delete entry and replace with "News releases are retrieved by the subject individual's last name."

SAFEGUARDS:

RETRIEVABILITY:

Delete entry and replace with "Physical entry is restricted by the use of guards, locks, and administrative procedures. Computers are equipped with "Smart Card" technology that requires the insertion of an embedded identification card and entry of a PIN. All individuals granted access to this system of records have a need to know, are to have taken annual Privacy Act training, and are periodically briefed on their responsibilities regarding safeguarding personal information."

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Delete entry and replace with "The Heads of the Defense Logistics Agency Public Affairs Offices. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to DLA's compilation of systems of records notices."

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