

(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 Attached Annex

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:* 11 Dec 14

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Greece—CH-47D Chinook Helicopters

The Government of Greece has requested a possible sale of 10 CH-47D Model Chinook Helicopters to include 23 T55-GA-714A Engines (20 installed and 3 spares), 12 AN/AAR-57 Common Missile Warning System (10 installed and 2 spares), 12 AN/ARC-220 High Frequency (HF) Radios, 12 AN/ARC-186 Very High Frequency (VHF) AM/FM Radios, 12 AN/ARC-164 Ultra High Frequency (UHF)-AM, 12 AN/ARN 123 VOR ILS Marker Beacons, 12 AN/ARN-89 or AN/ARN-149 Direction Finder Sets, 12 AN/ASN-128 Doppler/Global Positioning System Navigation Sets, 12 AN/ARC-201D or AN/ARC-201E VHF FM Homing Radios, 12 AN/APX-118 Transponders, 3 AN/APX-118A Transponders, 12 AN/APR-39A(V)1 Radar Signal Detecting Sets, mission equipment, communication and navigation equipment, Maintenance Work Orders/Engineering Change Proposals (MWO/ECPs), aircraft hardware and software support, repair and return, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, support equipment, minor modifications, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. government and contractor technical and engineering support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$150 million.

This proposed sale of these helicopters and support will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO ally.

This sale will contribute to both the United States' and Greece's defense and security goal of greater stability in the Balkans and the Levant regions by enhancing a critical helicopter lift capability. Additionally, this sale will facilitate greater interoperability of Greek systems both bilaterally and within NATO. Greece, which already operates CH-47s, will have no difficulty absorbing these helicopters into its armed forces.

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

There is no principal contractor as the systems will be coming from U.S. Army

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

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Greece at some point in future.

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

Transmittal No. 14-59

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

Annex

Item No. vii

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. Identification and security classification of classified equipment, major components, subsystems, software, and technical data (performance, maintenance, operational (R&M, etc), documentation, training devices, and services to be conveyed with the purposed sale are classified up to Secret. The CH-47D is a medium lift aircraft, remanufactured from CH-47A, B, and C aircraft. The avionic system in the CH-47D helicopter consists of the following communications equipment: HF (AN/ARC-220), VHF AM/FM (AN/ARC-186) and UHF-AM (AN/ARC 164). The navigation equipment includes Automatic Direction Finder (AN/ARN-89 or 149), VOR ILS Marker Beacon (AN/ARN 123), Doppler/GPS (AN/ASN 128) Navigation System, and VHF FM Homing (AN/ARC-201D) provided through the FM communications radio. Transponder equipment (AN/APX-118 and AN/APX-118A) consists of an IFF receiver with inputs from the barometric altimeter for altitude encoding. Mission equipment consists of the radar signal detecting set, (AN/APR-39A (V) 1) and the Common Missile Warning System (CMWS) AN/AAR-57.

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 advanced capabilities.

3. A determination has been made that the recipient country can provide the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the US foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

4. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been

authorized for release and export to the Government of Greece.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Proposed Reduction in Hours of Operation at Okeechobee Waterway Ranging From the Atlantic Ocean at Stuart, FL to the Gulf of Mexico at Fort Myers, FL

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District is seeking comment from the public on a proposal to reduce the lock operating hours on the Okeechobee Waterway.

The new proposed operating hours at each of the five locks are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week. The proposed change would take effect no earlier than April 1, 2015 and would impact the following locks:

- Moore Haven Lock on the west side of Lake Okeechobee
- Ortona Lock near LaBelle
- Port Mayaca Lock on the east side of Lake Okeechobee
- St. Lucie Lock near Stuart
- W.P. Franklin Lock near Fort Myers

The changes are the result of an evaluation of the service levels at each lock as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers seek methods to gain efficiencies on water transit systems across the nation. The changes will allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to reduce costs while still maintaining operating hours that accommodate 95 percent of the boat traffic passing through the locks.

DATES: Submit written comments concerning this notice by February 13, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Written inquires can be sent to Mr. Carl Williams at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers South Florida Operations Office located at 525 Ridgelawn Road, Clewiston, Fl 33440. Email inquiries can be sent to PublicMail.CESAJ-CC@USACE.Army.mil. Please direct phone calls to 863-983-8101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Carl Williams at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers South Florida Operations Office located at 525 Ridgelawn Road, Clewiston, Fl 33440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Canaveral Lock near Port Canaveral will not be

impacted by these changes. It will continue to operate from 6 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily. A Notice to Navigation will also be issued on this subject. For more information on navigation notices concerning Canaveral Lock or the Okeechobee Waterway, please visit the following Web site:
www.saj.usace.army.mil

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals With Disabilities—Television Access

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information

Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals with Disabilities—Television Access Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2015.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.327C.

DATES: *Applications Available:* January 14, 2015.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 16, 2015.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 14, 2015.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The purposes of the Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals with Disabilities Program¹ are to improve results for children with disabilities by: (1) Promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology; (2) supporting educational media activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom for students with disabilities; (3) providing support for captioning and video description that is appropriate for use in the classroom; and (4) providing accessible educational

¹ This program was formerly called “Technology and Media Services for Individuals with Disabilities.” The Department has changed the name to Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals with Disabilities Program and updated the purposes of the program to more clearly convey that the program includes accessible educational materials. The program’s activities and statutory authorization (20 U.S.C. 1474) remain unchanged.

materials to students with disabilities in a timely manner.

Priority: In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(v), this priority is from allowable activities specified in the statute (see sections 674(c) and 681(d) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (20 U.S.C. 1474(c) and 1481(d))).

Absolute Priority: For FY 2015 and any subsequent year for which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals With Disabilities—Television Access

Background

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is responsible for implementing and monitoring compliance with the captioning requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). Consistent with the Act, the FCC requires most television programs to be captioned, but provides for certain exemptions to this requirement. The FCC also has limited requirements for video description. The FCC’s video description requirements provide some access to television programs for individuals with blindness or low vision, but are not as widely applicable as the closed captioning requirements. Therefore, only a small number of television programs are actually broadcast with video description. The following Web sites provide more information on captioning and video description: www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/closedcaption.html and www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/video-description.

Pursuant to the authority in IDEA Section 1464(c), the Department has made awards for television access since 1995 in order to provide video description and captioning under the Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals with Disabilities program. The following Web site contains abstracts of previously funded projects: <http://publicddb.tadnet.org/>. (Use the keyword search function with the term “video description.”) Despite the efforts of the Department, not all television programs that are appropriate for use in the classroom setting for children with disabilities are being video described or captioned.

Priority

The purpose of this absolute priority for Television Access is to fund cooperative agreements that will improve the learning opportunities for children with disabilities by providing access to television programming through high-quality video description and captioning. This project will support access—through high-quality video description and captioning—to widely available television programs that are appropriate for use in the classroom setting and are not otherwise required to be captioned or described by the FCC.

Application Requirements

In addition to these programmatic requirements, to be considered for funding under this priority, applicants must meet the application and administrative requirements in this priority. The Department’s Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) encourages innovative approaches to meet these requirements:

(a) Demonstrate, in the narrative section of the application under “Significance of the Project,” how the proposed project will address the need for access to educational television programming to support equitable opportunities in early learning programs, schools, and workplaces. To meet this requirement, the applicant must—

(1) Present applicable national, State, regional, or local data demonstrating the need for accessible educational television programs in schools and workplaces for children with disabilities, including children with disabilities who may be underserved; and

(2) Demonstrate knowledge of the benefits, services, or opportunities that are available through the use of educational television programming in schools and workplaces that are fully accessible to children with disabilities, including children with disabilities who may be underserved.

(b) Demonstrate, in the narrative section of the application under “Quality of Project Services,” how the project will—

(1) Take into account the preferences of educators, students with disabilities, and the parents of these students in selecting the programming to be video described, or video described and captioned;

(2) Use criteria to select television programs of high educational value that are widely available and are appropriate for use in the classroom setting for children with disabilities at the