

experienced increased customer wait times, insufficient loading bays, workload and productivity imbalances between sites, aging facilities, and a lack of process optimization since DLA Distribution and DLA Disposition Services merged materiel receipt, storage, and distribution functions.

Proposed Action and Alternatives:

Under the Proposed Action, DLA would: (1) Redesign the DLA Disposition Services mid-Atlantic disposal network. This will divert incoming excess military property from DLA Disposition Services at Fort Meade, Fort Bragg, Norfolk, and Susquehanna to DLA Disposition Services at Richmond. (2) Expand DLA Disposition Services at Richmond to a full-service operation (*i.e.*, receive, store, distribute, and sell excess military equipment; documentation of hazardous materials management; demilitarization; and scrap operations). The expansion increases the warehouse footprint from 60,000 to 340,000 square feet (an addition of 280,000 square feet) and increases the outdoor storage area footprint from 34 to 60 acres (an addition of 26 acres). (3) Create an operational test bed for research, development, testing, and evaluation of standardized disposal practices at DLA Disposition Services at Richmond.

Description of the No Action

Alternative: The No Action Alternative avoids relocation, or expansion of DLA Disposition Services at Richmond. DLA Disposition Services would continue to operate with extensive customer wait times, insufficient loading bays, workload and productivity imbalances between sites, aging facilities, and a lack of process optimization. The No Action Alternative would not meet the purpose of and need for the Proposed Action.

Potential Environmental Impacts: No significant effects on environmental resources are expected from the Proposed Action. Insignificant, adverse effects on land use, *e.g.*, noise, air quality, geological resources, water resources, biological resources, cultural resources, infrastructure and transportation, hazardous materials and wastes, and health and safety are to be expected. Insignificant and beneficial effects on infrastructure and socioeconomics are also to be expected. The EA covers details of the environmental consequences, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Determination: DLA has determined that implementation of the Proposed Action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. DLA interprets the human environment as the natural and physical environment and the relationship of people with that environment. DLA based this determination on an analysis of uncertain or controversial impacts; unique or unknown risks; and cumulative impacts of the proposed action. Implementation of the Proposed Action will not violate any Federal, State, or local laws.

Mr. Phillip R. Dawson, Acting Director, DLA Installation Management, concludes that implementing the Proposed Action at the Defense Supply Center Richmond does not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the environment within the context of NEPA. This decision is based on the results of the analyses performed during the EA preparation as well as comments received from the public.

Therefore, an environmental impact statement for the Proposed Action is not required.

Dated: March 8, 2018.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 17-79]

Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Arms sales notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 36(b)(1) arms sales notification is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 17-79 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: March 8, 2018.

Aaron Siegel,

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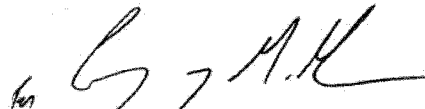
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The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. 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. 17-79, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Japan for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$45 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,


Charles W. Hooper
Lieutenant General, USA
Director

Enclosures:

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

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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:* Government of Japan

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment * ..	\$40 million
Other	\$5 million
Total	\$45 million

(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:*

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):
Twenty-four (24) MK 15 Phalanx Close-in Weapon System (CIWS) Block IB Baseline 1 to MK 15 Phalanx Block IB Baseline 2 Conversion Kits.

Non-MDE:
Also included is support equipment, spare parts, publications, software and associated support, and logistical support services, and other related

elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Navy (JA-P-NBE)

(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 Attached Annex

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:* March 2, 2018

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Japan—MK 15 Phalanx Close-in Weapon System (CIWS) Block IB Baseline 2 Conversion Kits

The Government of Japan has requested to buy twenty-four (24) MK 15 Phalanx Close-in Weapon System (CIWS) Block IB Baseline 1 to MK 15 Phalanx Block IB Baseline 2 conversion kits. Also included is support equipment, spare parts, publications, software and associated support, and logistical support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total case value is \$45 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the security of a major ally that has been, and continues to be, a force for political stability and economic progress in the Asia-Pacific region.

The proposed sale will improve Japan's capability in current and future defensive efforts. Japan will use the enhanced capability as a deterrent to regional threats and to strengthen homeland defense.

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

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

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the permanent assignment of additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives in Japan.

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 CIWS Block IB Baseline 2 represents an increase in threat acquisition and firepower accuracy over previous Block 1 Baseline configurations. The Baseline 2 variant includes a radar improvement upgrade and an electro-optical sensor to improve weapon system performance against low-observable, sea-skimming threats, and provides improved capability to concentrate hard-kill ordnance in a

tighter pattern on the threat. The CIWS mount and spare hardware are UNCLASSIFIED. The radar improvement/upgrade is the most sensitive portion of the Baseline 2 configuration.

2. The CIWS Block 1B Baseline 2 systems and upgrade kits will result in the transfer of a highly accurate close-in engagement technology and ship self-defense capability. The equipment, hardware, and the majority of documentation are UNCLASSIFIED. The embedded software and operational performance are classified CONFIDENTIAL. The seeker/electro-optical control section and the target detector are UNCLASSIFIED, but contain a sensitive state-of-the-art technology. Technical Manuals used to support the operation and provisioning of organizational-level maintenance are CONFIDENTIAL. The technical and operational data identified above is classified to protect vulnerabilities, design and performance parameters, and similar critical information.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of specific hardware, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapons system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Japan can provide substantially the same degree of protection for sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sustainment program is necessary to the furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the policy justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of Japan.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)—Grants to Charter School Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools and for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools

AGENCY: Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: On March 2, 2018, we published in the **Federal Register** a

notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2018 for CSP—Grants to Charter School Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools and for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) numbers 84.282B and 84.282E. This correction notice provides a link to the application submission instructions.

DATES: This correction is applicable March 13, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On March 2, 2018, we published in the **Federal Register** a notice inviting applications for new awards for FY 2018 for CSP—Grants to Charter School Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools and for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools (83 FR 8974). This correction notice provides a direct link to the application submission instructions.

Correction

In FR Doc. 2018–04294, we are revising the paragraph beginning on page 8979 in the second column, at the bottom of the page, under the heading “IV. Application and Submission Information,” to provide the link to the application submission instructions: 1. *Application Submission Instructions:* For information on how to submit an application please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the **Federal Register** on February 12, 2018 (83 FR 6003) and available at www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-02-12/pdf/2018-02558.pdf.

Program Authority: Title IV, part C of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7221–7221j).

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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