

error reporting, and overall perceptions of patient safety.

Affected Public: Federal Government; Individuals or Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,533.

Number of Respondents: 9,200.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 9,200.

Average Burden per Response: 10 minutes.

Frequency: As required.

The purpose of the survey is to assess the current status of patient safety in MHS facilities and to assess patient safety improvement over time. The hospital survey tool is the same OMB approved tool that was administered in previous years. There will also be a corresponding outpatient survey tool with congruous questions tailored to the ambulatory or clinic setting.

Respondents will select the survey corresponding to their care environment. The Web-based survey will be administered on a voluntary-basis to all staff working in Army, Navy, and Air Force Military Health System (MHS) direct care facilities in the U.S.

and internationally, including Military Treatment Facilities (MTF) hospitals as well as ambulatory and dental services. Responses and respondents will remain anonymous. There are two versions of the survey that may be administered, corresponding to the setting in which care is delivered, either Hospital (inpatient) or Ambulatory (outpatient/clinic setting).

Dated: July 24, 2018.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 16-36]

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: DSCA at dscanocr.lmo.mbx.info@mail.mil or (703) 697-9709.

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 16-36 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: July 25, 2018.

Shelly E. Finke,

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

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APR 27 2018

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. 16-36, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Bahrain for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$911.4 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. W. Hooper".

Charles W. Hooper
Lieutenant General, USA
Director

Enclosures:

1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification
3. Sensitivity of Technology
4. Regional Balance (Classified document provided under separate cover)



Transmittal No. 16–36

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:* The Government of Bahrain

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment *	\$490.9 million
Other	\$420.5 million
TOTAL	\$911.4 million

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Twelve (12) AH–1Z Attack Helicopters
Twenty-six (26) T–700 GE 401C Engines (twenty-four (24) installed and two (2) spares)

Fourteen (14) AGM–114 Hellfire Missiles

Fifty-six (56) Advance Precision Kill Weapon System II (APKWS–II) WGU–59B

Non-MDE: Also includes fifteen (15) Honeywell Embedded Global Positioning System (GPS) Inertial Navigation System (INS) (EGI) w/ Standard Positioning Service (SPS) (including three (3) spares), twelve (12) Joint Mission Planning Systems, twelve (12) M197 20mm gun systems, thirty (30) Tech Refresh Mission Computers, fourteen (14) AN/AAQ–30 Target Sight Systems, twenty six (26) Helmet Mounted Display/Optimized Top Owl, communication equipment, electronic warfare systems, fifteen (15) APX–117 Identification Friend or Foe (IFF), fifteen (15) AN/AAR–47 Missile Warning Systems, fifteen (15) AN/ALE–47 Countermeasure Dispenser Sets, fifteen (15) APR–39C(V)2 Radar Warning Receivers, support equipment, spare engine containers, spare and repair parts, tools and test equipment, technical data and publications, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Navy.

(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:* April 27, 2018.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Bahrain—AH-1 Z Attack Helicopters

The Government of Bahrain has requested twelve (12) AH–1Z attack helicopters, twenty-six (26) T–700 GE 401C engines (twenty-four (24) installed and two (2) spares), fourteen (14) AGM–114 Hellfire Missiles, and fifty-six (56) Advance Precision Kill Weapon System II (APKWS–II) WGU–59Bs. This request also includes fifteen (15) Honeywell Embedded Global Positioning System (GPS) Inertial Navigation System (INS) (EGI) w/Standard Positioning Service (SPS) (including three (3) spares), twelve (12) Joint Mission Planning Systems, twelve (12) M197 20mm gun systems, thirty (30) Tech Refresh Mission Computers, fourteen (14) AN/AAQ–30 Target Sight Systems, twenty six (26) Helmet Mounted Display/Optimized Top Owl, communication equipment, electronic warfare systems, fifteen (15) APX–117 Identification Friend or Foe (IFF), fifteen (15) AN/AAR–47 Missile Warning Systems, fifteen (15) AN/ALE–47 Countermeasure Dispenser Sets, fifteen (15) APR–39C(V)2 Radar Warning Receivers, support equipment, spare engine containers, spare and repair parts, tools and test equipment, technical data and publications, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated cost is \$911.4 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a major Non-NATO ally which is an important security partner in the region. Our mutual defense interests anchor our relationship and the Royal Bahraini Air Force plays a significant role in Bahrain's defense.

The proposed sale improves Bahrain's capability to meet current and future threats. Bahrain will use this capability as a deterrent to regional threats and to strengthen its homeland defense. This sale will improve interoperability with U.S. forces. Bahrain will have no difficulty absorbing these helicopters into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractors will be Bell Helicopter, Textron, Fort Worth, Texas; and General Electric Company, Lynn, Massachusetts. There are no known offset agreements proposed in conjunction with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple trips by U.S. Government and contractor representatives to participate in program and technical reviews plus training and maintenance support in country, on a temporary basis, for a period of sixty (60) months. It will also require three (3) contractor representatives to reside in country for a period of two (2) years to support this program.

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 following components and technical documentation for the program are classified as listed below:

a. The AH–1 Z-model has an Integrated Avionics System (IAS) which includes two (2) mission computers and an automatic flight control system. Each crew station has two (2) 8x6-inch multifunction liquid crystal displays (LCD) and one (1) 4.2x4.2-inch dual function LCD display. The communications suite will have NON-COMSEC ARC 210 Ultra High Frequency Very High Frequency (UHF/VHF) radios with associated communications equipment (antennas, mounts). The navigation suite includes Honeywell Embedded Global Positioning System (GPS) Inertial Navigation System (INS) (EGI) w/ Standard Positioning Service (SPS), a digital map system, a low-air-speed air data subsystem, which allows weapons delivery when hovering, and a AN/APX–117/A(V) IFF Transponder.

b. The crew is equipped with the Optimized Top Owl (OTO) helmet-mounted sight and display system. The OTO has a Day Display Module (DDM) and a Night Display Module (NDM). The AH-1Z has survivability equipment including the AN/AAR–47 Missile Warning and Laser Detection System, AN/ALE–47 Counter Measure Dispensing System (CMDS) and the AN/APR–39 Radar Warning Receiver (RWR) to cover countermeasure dispensers, radar warning, incoming/on-way missile warning and on- fuselage laser-spot warning systems.

c. The following performance data and technical characteristics are classified as follows for the AH–1Z Airframe: countermeasure capability—SECRET, counter-countermeasures capability—SECRET, vulnerability to

countermeasures—SECRET, vulnerability to electromagnetic pulse from nuclear environmental effects—SECRET, radar signature—SECRET, infrared signature—SECRET, acoustic signature—CONFIDENTIAL, ultraviolet signature—SECRET, mission effectiveness against threats—CONFIDENTIAL, target sight system—up to SECRET, Tactical Air Moving Map Capability (TAMMAC)—up to SECRET, Honeywell Embedded GPS INS (EGI) w/ SPS—UNCLASSIFIED, AN/ARC-210 RT 629F-23—UNCLASSIFIED, AN/APX-117/A(V) IFF Transponder—UNCLASSIFIED, VCR or DVR—up to SECRET, APR-39 Radar Warning System (RWS)—up to SECRET, AN/AAR-47 Missile/Laser Warning System (MLWS)—up to SECRET, AN/ALE-47 Countermeasures Dispenser Set (CMDS)—up to SECRET.

d. The APKWS is a low-cost semi-active laser guidance kit developed by BAE Systems which converts unguided 2.75 inch (70 mm) rockets into precision laser-guided rockets. The classification is up to SECRET.

e. The AGM-114 Hellfire II Semi-Active Laser (SAL) Missiles are rail-launched guided missiles developed and produced by Lockheed Martin. The guidance system employs a SAL seeker. The SAL missile homes in on the laser energy reflected off a target that has been illuminated by a laser designator. The laser can be on either the launch platform or another platform that can be separated from it by several kilometers. The target sets are armor, bunkers, caves, enclosures, boats, and enemy personnel. The weapon system hardware, as an “All Up Round,” is UNCLASSIFIED. The highest level of classified information to be disclosed regarding the AGM-114 Hellfire II missile software is SECRET. The highest level of classified information that could be disclosed by a proposed sale or by testing of the end item is SECRET and the highest level that must be disclosed for production, maintenance, or training is CONFIDENTIAL.

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 which might reduce weapon system effectiveness.

3. The consequences of the loss of this technology to a technologically advanced or competent adversary could result in the compromise of equivalent systems, which in turn could reduce those weapons system’s effectiveness, or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that the Government of Bahrain can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale of the AH-1 Z Helicopter and associated weapons will further U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives.

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

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing and Business Meeting August 15 and September 13, 2018

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 15, 2018. A business meeting will be held the following month on Thursday, September 13, 2018. The hearing and meeting are open to the public. The public hearing in August will be held at the West Trenton Volunteer Fire Company Ballroom, 40 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, New Jersey. The business meeting in September will be held at the RiverWinds Community Center, 1000 RiverWinds Drive, Thorofare, New Jersey.

Public Hearing. The public hearing on August 15, 2018 will begin at 1:30 p.m. Hearing items subject to the Commission’s review will include draft dockets for withdrawals, discharges, and other projects that could have a substantial effect on the basin’s water resources.

The list of projects scheduled for hearing, including project descriptions, will be posted on the Commission’s website, www.drbc.net, in a long form of this notice at least ten days before the hearing date.

Written comments on matters scheduled for hearing on August 15 will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on August 20.

The public is advised to check the Commission’s website periodically prior to the hearing date, as items scheduled for hearing may be postponed if additional time is deemed necessary to complete the Commission’s review, and items may be added up to ten days prior to the hearing date. In reviewing docket descriptions, the public is also asked to be aware that project details commonly

change in the course of the Commission’s review, which is ongoing.

Public Meeting. The public business meeting on September 13, 2018 will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will include: Adoption of the Minutes of the Commission’s June 13, 2018 Business Meeting, announcements of upcoming meetings and events, a report on hydrologic conditions, reports by the Executive Director and the Commission’s General Counsel, and consideration of any items for which a hearing has been completed or is not required.

After all scheduled business has been completed and as time allows, the Business Meeting will be followed by up to one hour of Open Public Comment, an opportunity to address the Commission on any topic concerning management of the basin’s water resources outside the context of a duly noticed, on-the-record public hearing.

There will be no opportunity for additional public comment for the record at the September 13 Business Meeting on items for which a hearing was completed on August 15 or a previous date. Commission consideration on September 13 of items for which the public hearing is closed may result in approval of the item (by docket or resolution) as proposed, approval with changes, denial, or deferral. When the Commissioners defer an action, they may announce an additional period for written comment on the item, with or without an additional hearing date, or they may take additional time to consider the input they have already received without requesting further public input. Any deferred items will be considered for action at a public meeting of the Commission on a future date.

Advance Sign-Up for Oral Comment. Individuals who wish to comment on the record during the public hearing on August 15 or to address the Commissioners informally during the Open Public Comment portion of the meeting on September 13 as time allows, are asked to sign-up in advance through EventBrite. Links to EventBrite for the Public Hearing and the Business Meeting are available at drbc.net. For assistance, please contact Ms. Paula Schmitt of the Commission staff, at paula.schmitt@drbc.nj.gov.

Submitting Written Comment. Written comment on items scheduled for hearing may be made through SmartComment, the web-based comment system introduced by the Commission, a link to which is provided at drbc.net. Use of SmartComment ensures that all submissions are captured in a single