BILLING CODE 5001–06–C Transmittal No. 18-44

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 \* .. \$524 million Other ..... \$ 37 million

TOTAL ..... \$561 million

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): Eight (8) Standard Missile-3 (SM-3)

Block 1B Missiles Thirteen (13) Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Block 2A Missiles

*Non-MDE*: Also included are SM-3 1B and 2A missile canisters, U.S. Government and contractor provided technical assistance, engineering and logistical support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support.

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

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any*: JA-P-ATP, JA-P-ATH

(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*: November 16, 2018

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

## POLICY JUSTIFICATION

## Japan—Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Missiles

The Government of Japan has requested to buy eight (8) Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Block 1B Missiles and thirteen (13) Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Block 2A Missiles. Also included are SM-3 1B and 2A missile canisters, U.S. Government and contractor provided technical assistance, engineering and logistical support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The total estimated program cost is \$561 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 is a force for political stability and economic progress in the Asia-Pacific region. It is vital to U.S. national interests to assist Japan in developing and maintaining a strong and effective self-defense capability.

The proposed sale will provide Japan with an increased ballistic missile defense capability to assist in defending the Japanese homeland and U.S. personnel stationed there. Japan will have no difficulty absorbing these additional munitions and support into the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF).

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

The principal contractor for the SM-3 Block 1B and 2A All Up Rounds will be Raytheon Missile Systems, Tucson, Arizona. The prime contractor for the Mk-21 and Mk-29 canisters and PHS&T kits will be BAE Systems, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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

Implementation of this proposed sale will require annual trips to Japan involving U.S. Government and contractor representatives for technical reviews, support, and oversight for approximately five years.

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 proposed sale will involve the release of sensitive technology to the Government of Japan related to the Standard Missile-3 (SM-3):

a. The Block IB is an iteration of the SM-3 family. It has distinct advantages over the older Block IA variant previously sold to Japan, including an enhanced warhead which improves the search, discrimination, acquisition and tracking functions in order to address emerging threats. Once enclosed in the canister, the SM-3 Block IB missile is classified CONFIDENTIAL.

b. The ship- or ground-launched SM-3 Block IIA is the most recent iteration in the SM-3 family. It has two distinct new features: larger rocket motors that will allow it to defend broader areas from ballistic missile threats, and a larger kinetic warhead. The kinetic warhead has been enhanced, improving the search, discrimination, acquisition and tracking functions, to address emerging threats. Once enclosed in the canister, the SM-3 Block IIA missile is classified CONFIDENTIAL. The optics hardware and signal processor are classified SECRET.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary obtained knowledge of the specific hardware or software in the proposed sale, the information could be used to develop counter-measures which might reduce weapons system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

3. A determination has been made that Japan can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. 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 Japan.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

#### Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 19-0P]

#### **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:

Karma Job at *karma.d.job.civ@mail.mil* or (703) 697–8976.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This 36(b)(5)(C) 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 19–0P with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: December 23, 2019.

## Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY 201 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH, STE 203 ARLINGTON, VA 22202-5408

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House U.S. House of Representatives H-209, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control

Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 19-0P. This notification relates to

enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in

the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 13-40 of July 9, 2013.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Hooper

Lieutenant General, USA Director

Enclosures: 1. Transmittal

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Transmittal No. 19-0P

REPORT OF ENHANCEMENT OR UPGRADE OF SENSITIVITY OF TECHONOLOGY OR CAPABILITY (SEC 36(B)(5)(C), AECA)

(i) *Prospective Purchaser*: Government of France

(ii) *Sec 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.*: 13-40

Date: July 9, 2013

Military Department: Air Force (iii) *Description*: On July 9, 2013,

Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 13-40 of the possible sale under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act of 16 MQ-9 Reaper Remotely Piloted Aircraft; 8 Mobile Ground Control Stations; 48 Honeywell TPE331-10T Turboprop Engines (16 installed and 32 Spares); 24 Satellite Earth Terminal Substations; 40

Ku Band Link-Airborne Communication Systems; 40 General Atomics Lynx (exportable) Synthetic Aperture Radar/ Ground Moving Target Indicator (SAR/ GMTI) Systems; 40 AN/DAS-1 Multi-Spectral Targeting System (MTS)-B; 40 Ground Data Terminals; 40 ARC-210 Radio Systems; 40 Embedded Global Positioning System/Inertial Navigation Systems; and 48 AN/APX-119 and KIV-119 Identify Friend or Foe (IFF) Systems. Also provided are spare and repair parts, communication, test, and support equipment, publications and technical documentation, airworthiness and maintenance support, site surveys and bed down planning, personnel training and training equipment, operational flight test, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistics support. The

estimated total cost was \$1.5 billion. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$765 million of this total.

On July 26, 2018, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 18-0B of the retrofit of MQ-9s to become weapons capable, and the inclusion of 100 GBU-49 Enhanced Paveway dual mode GPS and laser guided bomb kits comprised of MXU-650 Air Foil Group (AFG) and MAU-210 Enhanced Computer Control Group (ECCG); 200 FMU-152 fuzes; 650 AGM-114R Hellfire missiles, with active warheads; 45 AGM-114R Hellfire training missiles, without active warhead; and 6 Hellfire Captive Air Training Missiles. The retrofit and inclusion of MDE not enumerated in the original notification resulted in an increase in the cost of MDE by \$210 million. The new MDE cost was \$975

million. The total case value increased to \$1.71 billion.

This transmittal reports the:

1) retrofit of four (4) MQ-9A Block 1 to MQ-9A Block 5;

2) addition of four (4) MO-9A Block 5: and

3) addition of fourteen (14) Embedded GPS/INS (EGI) with GPS Security Devices.

The MDE cost of these items is \$80 million, resulting in a new MDE cost of \$1.055 billion. The total case value will remain \$1.71 billion.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided as the retrofit of the MO-9A systems and the inclusion of MDE items not originally notified represent an increase in capability over what was originally notified. This equipment will provide France's MQ-9 program with the equipment necessary to support the capability requested.

(v) *Justification*: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO ally which continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in Western Europe.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The MO-9A is a long-endurance, medium altitude Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) that can be used for surveillance, military reconnaissance, and targeting missions. MQ-9A is capable of performing real-time flown under the control of a pilot in a Ground Control Station (GCS). A data link is maintained that uplink commands and downlink video with telemetry data. The data link can be a Line-of-Sight (LOS) C-Band communication or Beyond Line-of-Sight (BLOS) Ku-Band Satellite Communication (SATCOM). Aircraft can be handed off to other strategically placed ground control stations. The MQ-9A is designed to carry 800 pounds of internal payload with maximum fuel and can carry multiple mission payload aloft such as kinetics, Electro-Optical/ Infrared (EO/IR), Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR), and other laser target designators. Block 5 includes a redesigned forward avionics bay, NSA Type 1 encrypted data links, enhanced power, dual wing-tip ARC-210 radios, pavload control computer, enhanced HMI and payload control in GCS.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: November 22, 2019

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# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2019-ICCD-0101]

## Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; 2019 **Temporary Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students**

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education (ED). ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 30, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use http://www.regulations.gov by searching the Docket ID number ED-2019-ICCD-0101. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http:// www.regulations.gov by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the *regulations.gov* site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will *not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Marvland Ave. SW. LBJ, Room 6W–208D, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Christopher Tate, 202-453-6047.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize

the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected: and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: 2019 Temporary Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students.

OMB Control Number: 1810-0739.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 56.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,240.

Abstract: The Department of Education (Department) is requesting an extension of this 2019 Temporary Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students information collection. The Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019 (Pub. L. 116-20, hereafter referred to as the Disaster Supplemental) was signed into law by President Trump on June 6, 2019. The Department of Education plans to use the discretion afforded to the Secretary by the Disaster Supplemental to award Restart funding to SEAs, which, in turn, will provide assistance to LEAs to defray expenses related to the restart of operations in, the reopening of, and the re-enrollment of students in elementary and secondary schools that serve an area affected by a covered disaster.

Dated: December 23, 2019.

#### Kate Mullan,

PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer.

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