

Transmittal No. 23–23

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*: Republic of Poland

(ii) *Total Estimated Value*:

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| Major Defense Equipment * | \$125 million |
| Other | \$ 25 million |

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| TOTAL | \$150 million |
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Funding Source: National Funds

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Eight hundred (800) AGM–114R2 Hellfire Missiles

Four (4) M36 Hellfire Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM)

Non-MDE:

Also included is Tactical Aviation Ground Munition Program Office technical assistance; Security Assistance Management Directorate technical assistance; Joint Attack Munition Systems technical assistance; Classified and Unclassified publications; spare parts; repair and return; storage; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) *Military Department*: Army (PL–B–UDZ)

(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 16, 2023

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Poland—Hellfire Missiles

The Republic of Poland has requested to buy eight hundred (800) AGM–114R2 Hellfire missiles; and four (4) M36 Hellfire Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM). Also included is Tactical Aviation Ground Munition Program Office technical assistance; Security Assistance Management Directorate technical assistance; Joint Attack Munition Systems technical assistance; Classified and Unclassified publications; spare parts; repair and return; storage; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated cost is \$150 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States

by improving the security of a NATO ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Poland's military goals of updating capability while further enhancing interoperability with the United States and other allies. Poland intends to use these defense articles and services to modernize its armed forces and expand its capability to strengthen its homeland defense and deter regional threats. Poland will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor will be Lockheed Martin Corporation, Orlando, FL. 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 Poland.

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 Hellfire AGM–114R2 is a precision strike, semi-active laser-guided missile and is the principal air-to-ground weapon for the U.S. Army AH–64 Apache. The Hellfire R model incorporates a multi-purpose warhead with selectable effects appropriate for engagement of a wide range of targets including heavily or lightly armored targets, thin-skinned vehicles, urban structures, caves, and personnel.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

3. 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 or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Poland 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.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to Poland.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Notice of Virtual Public and Tribal Meetings Regarding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Environmental Justice Strategic Plan and Vision, Establishment of a Public Docket, Request for Input

AGENCY: Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice; announcement of virtual public and Tribal meeting dates and solicitation of input.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Executive order, “Revitalizing our Nation’s Commitment to Environmental Justice for All”, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is preparing its Environmental Justice Strategic Plan for the Civil Works programs. As part of that effort, the Corps is soliciting feedback on its Draft Environmental Justice Strategic Plan vision, goals, and objectives. The Corps is also soliciting input on priority actions and performance metrics that will be evaluated to advance the Draft Environmental Justice Strategic Plan vision, goals, and objectives. The Environmental Justice Strategic Plan will be a living document that is periodically updated, and comments will be therefore accepted any time at the email address listed below.

DATES: To be considered for this 2024 Environmental Justice Strategic Plan, written recommendations must be received on or before Tuesday, October 1st, 2024. The Corps will hold public virtual meetings on the following dates: September 17th and September 19th. In addition, the Corps will hold Tribal virtual meetings on the following dates: September 18th.

Tribal Nations may request consultation through October 15. Written comments from Tribal Nations will be accepted until October 22. Please refer to the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for additional information on these virtual meetings.

ADDRESSES: You may send written feedback, identified by Docket ID No.

COE–2024–0003, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov/> (our preferred method). Follow the online instructions for submitting written feedback.

- *Email:* EJ_Strategic_Plan@usace.army.mil and Include Docket ID No. COE–2024–0003 in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Joseph Redican, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, HQ, Deputy Chief, Planning and Policy Division; Desk 3F94, 441 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20314, Include Docket ID No. COE–2024–0003 on the Letter Head.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Due to security requirements, we cannot receive comments by hand delivery or courier.

Instructions: All submissions received must include Docket ID No. COE–2024–0003. Written feedback received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal information provided. The Corps encourages the public to submit written feedback via <https://www.regulations.gov/> or email, as there may be a delay in processing mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jessica Ludy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works at 1–415–732–9165 or by email at EJ_Strategic_Plan@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background:

Executive Order (E.O.) 14096 directs Federal agencies to develop an Environmental Justice Strategic Plan that will, “set forth the agency’s vision, goals, priority actions, and metrics to address and advance environmental justice and to fulfill the directives of [the E.O.], including through the identification of new staffing, policies, regulations, or guidance documents”, as well as “identify and address opportunities through regulations, policies, permits, or other means to improve accountability and compliance with any statute the agency administers that affects the health and environment of communities with environmental justice concerns (United States, Executive Office of the President, [Joseph Biden], Executive Order 14096: Revitalizing Our Nation’s Commitment to Environmental Justice for All. Section 4. 26 April 2023).

When complete, the Draft Environmental Justice Strategic Plan will offer a vision to transform how the Corps works with communities in its Civil Works program. Overall, the Corps will integrate environmental justice

principles into the foundational elements of the Corps Civil Works programs. This includes consideration of Federal Tribal trust responsibilities and any disproportionate impact on disadvantaged communities from Civil Works programs. This vision is reflected in the five goals and associated objectives outlined in this notice and include our People (the Corps workforce); our Projects, permits and other Corps work activities; our Partners (Tribes, communities, agencies, and other organizations with whom the Corps collaborates); our Processes (including the way the Corps conducts work activities and makes decisions); and our Policy (including the laws, authorities, and policies that require or inform Corps compliance). Public input received through this notice in the **Federal Register** will help the Corps identify ways to further institutionalize environmental justice. These five goals can help the Corps directly address any barriers to all communities’ ability to enjoy the same degree of protections and equal access to Civil Works programs and services to achieve a healthy environment in which to live.

A. Draft Environmental Justice Strategic Plan Vision

It is the vision of the Corps to leverage our congressional authorities, our technical expertise, and our partnerships to ensure environmental justice principles and the Federal trust responsibility result in the Civil Works programs supporting *all* communities and enhancing their access to a healthy, sustainable, and resilient environment in which to live, play, work, learn, grow, worship, and engage in cultural and subsistence practices. It is the vision of the Corps to support all communities in enjoying the benefit of protection from natural hazards, environmental health and climate risks, and to also have meaningful input into Corps decisions that impact them. The Corps also aims to build and sustain a world-class, water resources workforce where Tribal Nations, U.S. Territories, and all communities with environmental justice concerns see themselves and their interests well represented, and want to partner with us to restore, and repair the nation’s waterways for public, environmental, social, cultural, and economic benefits.

B. Draft Environmental Justice Strategic Plan Goal One: People

Recruit, retain, and train a workforce with the lived experience, expertise, and capacity to deliver the Corps mission in ways that advance environmental justice for all

communities and protect our Federal trust responsibilities. Goal one will be accomplished through the following four objectives:

1. Consistent with merit system principles, develop a Corps workforce across all levels including junior staff and senior leaders, temporary and permanent staff, technical and operational staff that reflects the diversity of the American people. This includes targeted recruitment and outreach to people with lived experience of marginalization or environmental justice concerns and removing barriers to equal opportunity.

2. Foster a model workplace environment at the Corps where all employees are engaged, supported, heard, and empowered, with opportunities to learn, grow and excel during their career.

3. Provide workforce training and support for Corps staff to grow their environmental justice literacy and expertise, including how to incorporate environmental justice into the analysis of direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of proposed Federal actions or permits and to increase their understanding of Tribal sovereignty and the Federal trust responsibility.

4. Provide training and tools for staff on how to engage and communicate with Tribes and communities with environmental justice concerns in ways that foster mutual respect and trust, and in how to consider the information received during engagements in projects, decisions, and other Corps activities.

C. Draft Environmental Justice Strategic Plan Goal Two: Projects, Permits, and Other Corps Activities

Goal two of the Strategic Plan is to strive to conduct all Corps work within its authorities in ways that reduce disproportionate environmental burdens including human health effects across the landscape and improve environmental, economic, and social conditions in places and with communities with environmental justice concerns. Goal two will be accomplished through the following three objectives:

1. Prioritize resources (staff, funding, outreach) to efforts that will bring significant benefits with no group bearing a disproportionate burden of environmental harms and risks, including health burdens, in communities with environmental justice concerns, including in U.S. territories and across Tribal Nations.

2. Integrate best practices in equitable community engagement *and* the principles of Climate Resilience,

Indigenous Knowledge, Nature Based Solutions, the Federal trust responsibility, and Environmental Justice into the Corps Civil Works planning and project delivery process, and into current (where practicable) and new work activities and decisions that affect communities. Fully consider the public input provided as part of all decision-making processes.

3. Evaluate relevant legal authorities to enhance the Corps ability to both identify impacts and implement alternative solutions or specific mitigation actions that will reduce adverse impacts on and increase benefits to communities with environmental justice concerns.

D. Draft Environmental Justice Strategic Plan Goal Three: Partnerships

As part of a whole-of-government approach, goal three focuses on investing in building the trusted partnerships and collaboration needed to advance environmental justice across the nation. Goal three will be accomplished through the following three objectives:

1. Build, nurture, repair, or rebuild trusted relationships with Tribal Nations and all communities with environmental justice concerns to enhance their ability to receive benefits and to reduce burdens related to Corps activities. Work together with them to anticipate environmental justice concerns before they arise and integrate preferences into solutions.

2. Build strategic partnerships and increase project-based collaboration with other agencies and organizations who can help advance environmental justice. These organizations may have specialized expertise, unique authorities that compliment Corps authorities to create a more complete or equitable project, and or may have pre-existing relationships with local Tribes and communities, or insight into community needs.

3. Continue to participate in and leverage opportunities through interagency committees and working groups on relevant topics to exchange knowledge and advance environmental justice. Example topics include community-driven relocation, issues of homelessness, nature-based solutions, environmental justice-focused trainings, etc.

E. Draft Environmental Justice Strategic Plan Goal Four: Policy and Process

Goal four of the Strategic Plan is to refine Corps policy, processes, and decision making to reduce disparate environmental burden including adverse health effects, to increase access

to the benefits of Corps work activities, and to remove barriers to participation in decision-making for Tribal Nations and all communities with environmental justice concerns. Goal four will be accomplished through the following two objectives:

1. Staff will review and recommend improvements to policy or guidance that could reduce disparate environmental burden, increase access to benefits of Corps Civil Works programs for communities, and make it easier for affected communities to participate in the Corps processes that affect their built and natural environment. Further, Environmental Justice and Tribal subject matter experts should review Corps policies and guidance updates to ensure that updates will not disproportionately affect communities with environmental justice concerns.

2. Review and modify planning, budgeting, procurement, contracting, and other processes and decisions to focus resources to the maximum extent possible in Tribal and other communities or places that have the most environmental burdens, that would be the most affected by a particular agency action or decision, or are most in need to advance environmental justice.

F. Draft Environmental Justice Strategic Plan Goal Five: Further Institutionalize Environmental Justice

Goal five of the Strategic Plan is to institutionalize environmental justice and Federal trust principles across the Corps throughout all operations and establish accountability for decisionmakers and practitioners as they apply these principles across agency activities, in the Army Civil Works program. Goal five will be accomplished through the following three objectives:

1. Learn how environmental justice and Tribal trust issues intersect with every functional or work area at the Corps and use findings to update Policy and Process Guidance referenced in Goal four.

2. Develop a structure that ensures all employees can both learn and be held accountable for advancing environmental justice and upholding the Federal trust responsibilities.

3. Create a feedback mechanism to update Senior Leaders on progress and challenges to implementing environmental justice strategies.

II. Accessing Documents and Additional Information

You may access information on the Corps' Environmental Justice program, and information on the Environmental

Justice Strategic Plan update at the Corps' environmental justice website at <https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental-Justice/>.

III. Stakeholder Engagement

The Corps poses a series of questions detailed in this notice for stakeholder input. These questions are only guideposts for comments. Input on all aspects of the Draft Environmental Justice Strategic Plan are welcome. Written input to the docket as well as verbal input during the virtual meetings are strongly encouraged. Verbal input received during the listening sessions will be considered equally to written comments.

1. Do the Draft Environmental Justice Strategic Plan vision, strategic goals, and objectives discussed in this notice address your interests and concerns about the advancement of environmental justice by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers? Why or why not?

2. What actions should the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers undertake to advance environmental justice?

3. What performance measures or metrics should the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers establish to monitor progress towards advancing environmental justice?

IV. Public Meetings and Outreach

The Corps will hold a series of public virtual meetings intended to solicit input to inform its preparation of the Draft Environmental Justice Strategic Plan. At the virtual meeting, a brief presentation will be provided to give an overview of the Draft Environmental Justice Strategic Plan Vision, Goals and Objectives. The rest of the time is for participants to provide input. The introductory presentation in each virtual meeting will be recorded and posted on the Army Civil Works website and on the Corps' Environmental Justice website <https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental-Justice/>.

The Corps will hold 2 virtual meetings open to all stakeholders and an additional 1 virtual meeting specific for Tribal input. Registration information for the public and Tribal virtual meetings is included in this notice. Separate notification to Tribal leaders is also being provided.

Registration of members of the public who wish to attend the virtual meeting is required. Spots are limited and those unable to attend are encouraged to provide written comments to the docket which will be given equal consideration. Attendees will be asked to provide their name and contact information to include email address. Registration instructions can be found at

the following website: <https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental-Justice>.

Persons or organizations wishing to provide verbal input during the meetings will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis. Due to the expected number of participants, individuals will be asked to limit their spoken presentation to three minutes. Once the speaking slots are filled, participants may be placed on a standby list to speak or continue to register to listen to the input. Supporting materials and written feedback from those who do not have an opportunity to speak can be submitted to the docket as described above. The schedule for the 3 virtual meetings is as follows:

Public Virtual Meetings

September 17, 2:00–3:30 p.m. ET:
<https://usace1.webex.com/weblink/register/r36c21ff92925df01db195f735ad21871>.

September 19, 10:30–12:00 p.m. ET:
<https://usace1.webex.com/weblink/register/r0ff400b54abeffff21ee493b057e782d>.

Tribal Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, September 18, 2024—2:00–3:30 p.m. ET: <https://usace1.webex.com/weblink/register/r61e3be2c29453bf62518275359ee3dea>.

Michael L. Connor,

Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

[Permit No. NAE–2021–01301]

Notice of Final Federal Agency Action on the Authorization for the New England Wind Farm and New England Wind Project

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

ACTION: Notice of limitation on claims for judicial review of actions by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

SUMMARY: USACE announces final agency action on the USACE authorization for the proposed construction and maintenance of the New England Wind Farm and New England Wind Project Phase I (New England Wind Phase I Project) offshore Massachusetts. USACE has issued a permit authorizing the construction and maintenance of the New England Wind

Phase I Project under section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (RHA) and section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The New England Wind Phase I Project is a “covered project” under title 41 of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act.

DATES: A claim seeking judicial review of the USACE authorization of construction and maintenance of the New England Wind Phase I Project will be barred unless the claim is filed not later than two years after this notice’s publication date. If the Federal law that allows for judicial review of the USACE authorization specifies a shorter time period for filing such a claim, then that shorter time period will apply.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christine Jacek, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, Massachusetts 01742, 978–318–8026, cenaer-offshorewind@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that USACE has taken final agency action on its authorization for the proposed New England Wind Phase I Project by issuing a permit authorizing construction and maintenance of the Project under section 10 of the RHA and section 404 of the CWA. A majority of the work will occur in the Atlantic Ocean within the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Renewable Energy Lease Area OCS–A 0534, which is approximately eighteen (18) nautical miles (NM) south of Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts. Export cable work would occur within a forty two (42) NM long offshore export cable corridor extending from the lease area, through the Muskeget Channel and Nantucket Sound with cable landfall at Craigville Beach, Barnstable, Massachusetts. The export cables would also cross the Centerville River in Barnstable, Massachusetts.

The work authorized under the USACE permit includes the construction and maintenance of a commercial-scale offshore wind facility within a 63,012 acre BOEM Renewable Energy Lease Area OCS–A 0534. The work includes: (1) the installation of up to sixty two (62) wind turbine generators (WTGs) and up to two (2) electrical service platforms (ESPs) with up to seventy four (74) acres associated scour protection for the structures, (2) the installation of approximately 133 NM of inter-array cables connecting the WTGs and inter-link cable connecting the ESPs to the WTGs with eleven (11) acres of associated scour protection for the cables, (3) the installation up to two (2) export transmission cables within a single forty two (42) NM offshore export cable corridor (OECC) with

approximately 2.5 acres of cable scour protection on the outer continental shelf (OCS) and 21.5 acres of subtidal fills associated with cable scour protection and sand wave relocation activities. Each export transmission cable will have a 12 foot (ft.) wide disturbance zone associated with installation and an estimated disturbance area involving up to 75 acres of subtidal waters., (4) the refilling of two horizontal directional drilling (HDD) exit pits to be excavated for the HDD work associated with the shore to landfall work. Each HDD exit pit will be approximately 10,000 square feet (sq. ft.) in size with approximately 20,000 sq. ft. of total impacts associated with the discharge of excavated material back into the HDD pits, and (5) HDD installation of the transmission cables under the Centerville River.

The USACE’s decision to issue a permit, and the laws under which the action was taken, are described in the New England Wind Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) published in March 2024, in the joint Record of Decision (ROD) issued on April 1, 2024, and in other project records. The FEIS, ROD, and other documents can be viewed and downloaded from the BOEM project website at <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/new-england-wind-1-and-2>. The USACE permit can be viewed and downloaded from the USACE website at <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/permits-Issued/>. By this notice, USACE is advising the public of final agency action subject to 42 U.S.C. 4370m-6(a)(1)(A).

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4370m–6(a)(1)(A).

John P. Lloyd,

Brigadier General, USA, Commanding.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Department of the Navy Science and Technology Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Navy (DoN), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Department of the Navy Science and Technology Board (DoN S&T Board) will take place.