

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Notice of Solicitation of Proposals for the Department of Defense University Consortium for Cybersecurity Support Center**

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Solicitation of applications.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Defense has determined the need for a Support Center (Center) for the University Consortium for Cybersecurity (UC2). The Center will provide, during a two-year term, administrative support for the academic research and engagement activities of UC2. To be eligible, interested institutions must have been designated as National Centers of Academic Excellence (NCAE) in cybersecurity for at least 24 months from the date of the publication of this notice and, further, must demonstrate an understanding of cybersecurity research, be eligible for access to classified material, and demonstrate commitment to the UC2 mission of a closer collaboration between academia and the DoD.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all applications received by October 15, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Gwyneth Sutherland, 202-685-2080. The application shall include a cover page, labeled "PROPOSAL UC2 Support Center," that includes the prospective proposer's administrative point of contact, to include a telephone number and email address. The application must be limited to three (3) pages, single-sided, and must include: a certificate of NCAE designation status for 24 months, a statement of experience and understanding with cybersecurity research, evidence of eligibility to access to classified material, a narrative description of potential contribution and support to UC2 mission, and a potential team and management plan. Reference and other citations are not required but may be included outside the three-page limit.

Documents must be submitted on 8.5 x 11-inch paper, single spaced, with 1-inch margins, in 12 point, Times New Roman font. The name of the institution must be in the header or footer.

Applications shall be addressed to: College of Information and Cyberspace, University of Consortium for Cybersecurity, Attn: Dr. Gwyneth

Sutherland, 300 Fifth Ave., Bldg. 62, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, DC 20319-5066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Section 1505 of Public Law 117-263 (Dec. 23, 2022; 136 Stat. 2395), the Secretary shall require proposals be submitted by institutions designed as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity (NCAE-C).

The NCAE-C program is managed by the National Cryptologic School at the National Security Agency. U.S. Government partners include the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Such designation was created to manage a collaborative cybersecurity educational program with community colleges, colleges, and universities that: (1) establishes standards for cybersecurity curriculum and academic excellence; (2) includes competency development among students and faculty; (3) values community outreach and leadership in professional development; (4) integrates cybersecurity practice within the institution across academic disciplines; and (5) actively engages in solutions to challenges facing cybersecurity education.

There are three types of designations: The Cyber Defense (CAE-CD) Designation is awarded to regionally accredited academic institutions offering cybersecurity degrees and/or certificates at the associates, bachelors, and masters and doctoral levels.

The Cyber Research (CAE-R) designation is awarded to DoD schools, doctoral degree-producing military institutions, or regionally accredited, degree granting four-year institutions rated by the Carnegie Foundation Basic Classification system as either a Doctoral University—Highest Research Activity (R1), Doctoral University—Higher Research Activity (R2), or Doctoral University—Moderate Research Activity (R3).

The Cyber Operations (CAE-CO) program is a deeply technical, interdisciplinary, higher education program firmly grounded in the computer science, computer engineering, and/or electrical engineering disciplines, with extensive opportunities for hands-on applications via labs and exercises.

More information can be found here: <https://www.nsa.gov/Academics/Centers-of-Academic-Excellence/>.

An added requirement is the capability to be immediately eligible or

current Facility Clearance (FCL) eligibility for access to classified information. As required by the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA), entities (including companies and academic institutions) engaged in providing goods or services to the U.S. Government involving access to or creation of classified information may be granted an FCL. Mandated by the guidelines set forth in the National Industrial Security Program, DCSA processes, issues, and monitors the continued eligibility of entities for an FCL.

More information can be found here: https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodm/520001m_vol3.pdf and <https://www.dcsa.mil/Industrial-Security/Entity-Vetting-Facility-Clearances-FOCI/Facility-Clearances/>.

Dated: September 8, 2024.

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. 23-17]

Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Arms sales notice.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pamela Young at (703) 953-6092, pamela.a.young14.civ@mail.mil, or dsca.ncr.rsrgmt.list.cns-mbx@mail.mil.

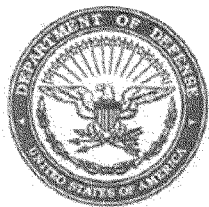
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 36(b)(1) arms sales notification is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives with attached Transmittal 23-17, Policy Justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: September 9, 2024.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
2800 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-2800

February 28, 2023

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

Dear 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. 23-17, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the United Kingdom for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$125.13 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James A. Hursch". The signature is written in a cursive style.

James A. Hursch
Director

Enclosures:

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

Transmittal No. 23–17

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 the United Kingdom

(ii) *Total Estimated Value*:

Major Defense Equipment *	\$125.00 million
Other	\$.13 million
TOTAL	\$125.13 million

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Up to six hundred (600) Javelin FGM–148F Missiles (includes twelve (12) Fly-to-Buy Missiles)

Non-MDE:

Also included is U.S. Government technical assistance and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) *Military Department*: Army (UK–B–WVJ)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any*: UK–B–WVA

(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*: February 28, 2023

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Kingdom—Javelin Missiles

The Government of the United Kingdom has requested to buy up to six hundred (600) Javelin FGM–148F missiles (includes twelve (12) fly-to-buy missiles). Also included is U.S. Government technical assistance and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated cost is \$125.13 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 the United Kingdom's capability to meet current and future threats. The United Kingdom will use the enhanced capability to build its long-term defense capacity to meet its national defense requirements. The United Kingdom 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 prime contractors will be Raytheon/Lockheed Martin Javelin Joint Venture, Orlando, FL and Tucson, AZ. There are no known offset agreements in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the United Kingdom.

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 Javelin Weapon System is a medium-range, man portable, shoulder-launched, fire and forget, anti-tank system for infantry, scouts, and combat engineers. It may also be mounted on a variety of platforms including vehicles, aircraft and watercraft. The system weighs 49.5 pounds and has a maximum range in excess of 2,500 meters. They system is highly lethal against tanks and other systems with conventional and reactive armors. The system possesses a secondary capability against bunkers.

2. Javelin's key technical feature is the use of fire-and-forget technology which allows the gunner to fire and immediately relocate or take cover. Additional special features are the top attack and/or direct fire modes, an advanced tandem warhead and imaging infrared seeker, target lock-on before launch, and soft launch from enclosures or covered fighting positions. The Javelin missile also has a minimum smoke motor thus decreasing its detection on the battlefield.

3. The Javelin Weapon System is comprised of two major tactical components, which are a reusable Light Weight Command Launch Unit (LWCLU) and a round contained in a disposable launch tube assembly. The LWCLU has been identified as Major Defense Equipment (MDE). The LWCLU incorporates an integrated day-night sight that provides a target engagement capability in adverse weather and countermeasure environments. The LWCLU may also be used in a stand-alone mode for battlefield surveillance and target detection. The LWCLU's thermal sight is a 3rd generation Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) sensor. To facilitate initial loading and subsequent updating of software, all on-board missile software is uploaded via

the LWCLU after mating and prior to launch.

4. The missile is autonomously guided to the target using an imaging infrared seeker and adaptive correlation tracking algorithms. This allows the gunner to take cover or reload and engage another target after firing a missile. The missile has an advanced tandem warhead and can be used in either the top attack or direct fire modes (for target undercover). An onboard flight computer guides the missile to the selected target.

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

6. If a technologically advanced adversary obtains knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

7. A determination has been made that the United Kingdom can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary to further the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

8. All defense articles and services listed on this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of the United Kingdom.

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