

installed, 6 spares)
Four (4) M240 Machine Guns
Twenty-four (24) ARC-210 COMSEC
Radios

Non-MDE:

Also included is communication equipment; electronic warfare systems; support equipment; spare engine containers; flight training devices; Composite Maintenance trainer; spare and repair parts; tools and test 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 (EZ-P-SBI)*

(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: May 3, 2023*

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Czech Republic—AH-1Z and UH-1Y Refurbishment/Modernization

The Government of the Czech Republic has requested to buy equipment and services to refurbish six (6) AH-1Z and two (2) UH-1Y Excess Defense Article (EDA) helicopters. This equipment and services will include: twenty-two (22) T-700 GE 401C engines (16 installed, 6 spares); fourteen (14) Honeywell Embedded Global Positioning System Inertial Navigation Systems (EGIs) w/Precise Positioning Service (PPS) (8 installed, 6 spares); four (4) M240 machine guns; and twenty-four (24) ARC-210 COMSEC radios. Also included is communication equipment; electronic warfare systems; support equipment; spare engine containers; flight training devices; Composite Maintenance trainer; spare and repair parts; tools and test equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$650 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO partner that is an important force for ensuring peace and stability in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve the Czech Republic's ability to develop and

maintain a strong and ready self-defense capability. The Czech Republic will have no difficulty absorbing these defense articles and services into its armed forces.

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

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

Implementation of the 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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(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. The AH-1Z and UH-1Y helicopter model have 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 COMSEC ARC 210 Ultra High Frequency/Very High Frequency (UHF/VHF) radios with associated communications equipment. The navigation suite includes a Precise Positioning Systems (PPS), Honeywell Embedded GPS Inertial Navigation System (EGI) (SAASM or upgraded equivalent), a digital map system, and a low-aspired air data subsystem, which allows weapons delivery when hovering.

2. 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 H-1 has survivability equipment including the AN/AAR-47 Missile Warning and Laser Detection System, AN/ALE-47 Counter Measure Dispensing System (CMDMS) 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.

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

4. 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.

5. A determination has been made that the Czech Republic 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.

6. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of the Czech Republic.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 23-29]

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.rsrgmgt.list.cns-mbx@mail.mil.

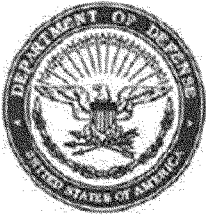
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 36(b)(1) arms sales notification is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives with attached Transmittal 23-29, Policy Justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: September 24, 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

May 4, 2023

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-209, The Capitol
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. 23-29, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$207 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

James A. Hursch
Director

Enclosures:

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

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Item No. (ii)

(i) *Prospective Purchaser:* Government of Australia

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment *	\$ 0 million
Other	\$207 million

TOTAL \$207 million

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

None

Non-MDE:

Included are Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Expeditionary (SURTASS-E) mission systems for Vessels of Opportunity (VOO); a shore processing mission system, a spare SURTASS passive acoustic

array; containers; communications parts and support equipment (Classified and Unclassified); software (Classified and Unclassified); publications (Classified and Unclassified); training; U.S. Government and contractor engineering support; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Navy (AT-P-LGL)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:* AT–P–LGN, AT–P–LGL (P&A)

(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:* May 4, 2023

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Australia—Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Expeditionary (SURTASS–E) Mission Systems

The Government of Australia has requested to buy Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Expeditionary (SURTASS–E) mission systems for Vessels of Opportunity (VOO); a shore processing mission system, a spare SURTASS passive acoustic array; containers; communications parts and support equipment (Classified and Unclassified); software (Classified and Unclassified); publications (Classified and Unclassified); training; U.S. Government and contractor engineering support; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$207 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States. Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist our ally in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

The proposed sale will improve Australia's capability to meet current and future maritime threats by providing tactical platforms with the detection and cueing of enemy submarines. The ability to provide acoustic Wide Area Surveillance and generate Indications and Warnings to Australian Commands will significantly improve shared maritime security. Australia 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 contractors will be Lockheed Martin-Syracuse, Syracuse, NY; and Lockheed Martin-Manassas, Manassas, VA. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require U.S. Government personnel

and U.S. Contractor representatives to visit the Commonwealth of Australia on a temporary basis in conjunction with program technical oversight and support requirements, including program and technical reviews.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. The Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Expeditionary (SURTASS–E) mission system is a containerized variant of the passive SURTASS system providing long range detection and cueing for tactical weapons platforms against both diesel and nuclear-powered submarines. SURTASS–E allows the fleet to detect, classify, localize, track, and report emergent threats, thereby improving overall maritime security.

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 mission system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Australia 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 the Government of Australia.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Funding Availability—Covered Technology Categories—Equipment Financing

AGENCY: Office of Strategic Capital (OSC), Office of the Under Secretary of

Defense for Research and Engineering, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

SUMMARY: The OSC is announcing the availability of up to \$984,000,000 aggregate funding for direct loans for equipment financing for technologies in the designated covered technology categories.

DATES: Applications will be accepted per the terms set forth below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, please contact David Vidal, Office of Strategic Capital Director of Credit Programs, at *Federal.Register.Notice@osc.mil*, tel. no. 703–545–1903. Please direct media inquiries to the OSC Press Team at *engagements@osc.mil*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Notice of Funding Availability Overview

- *Federal Agency Name:* Office of Strategic Capital, U.S. Department of Defense.

- *Federal Funding Opportunity Title:* Office of Strategic Capital Notice of Funding Availability (Equipment Finance).

- *Announcement Type and Date:* Initial announcement for the Office of Strategic Capital Notice of Funding Availability (Equipment Finance), as authorized by section 903 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024. Effective date: September 27, 2024.

- *Purpose:* This Notice of Funding Availability seeks applications for financing the construction, expansion, or modernization of commercial equipment in the United States. These commercial facilities and their products will support, either directly or indirectly, Covered Technology Categories as set out in 10 U.S.C. 149(e). The Office of Strategic Capital will provide direct loans in the amount of \$10–\$150 million under this Notice of Funding Availability. The eligibility and selection criteria for investments include compliance with statute, the extent to which an investment supports U.S. national security or economic interests, the impact that direct loans would have on the project or transaction, and the creditworthiness of the investment, among other factors OSC will evaluate in the application process. See section 5 for additional information on evaluation criteria.

- *Application Format and Timeline:* This Notice of Funding Availability will employ a two-stage application process. The application process under this