

inform development of GCOT Certification Principles.

The discussion will focus on the key areas of the GCOT Certification Principles paper which include certification governance and integrity, cost-effective implementation, and facilitating adoption, as described below:

Certification Governance and Integrity

- Suggests roles and responsibilities for all Open RAN ecosystem stakeholders;
- Identifies different sources (from bodies like 3GPP and the O-RAN Alliance);
- Addresses the various types of testing including conformance, interoperability, performance, and security;
- Enumerates the development, governance, and oversight expected from a certification regime; and
- Provides a general overview of transparency, accreditation, and continuous improvement.

Cost-Effective Implementation

- Discusses accessibility for all small and medium-sized enterprises to meet certification standards;
- Highlights the importance of integrating automation and leveraging existing resources; and
- Proposes a possible certification structure and scope and a path for recertification.

Facilitating Adoption

- Outlines the necessary support for MNOs and other Open RAN ecosystem stakeholders for the success of any

certification in procurement processes; and

- Describes how industry and government can generally support the process.

Authority: NTIA's role in development of the GCOT certification principles is under authority of the *National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act* (47 U.S.C. 902 *et seq.*).²

Time and Date: NTIA will convene one public listening session on December 3, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. The exact time of the meeting is subject to change. Please refer to NTIA's website, <https://www.ntia.gov>, for the most current information.

Place: The meeting will be held virtually, with online slide share and dial-in information to be posted at <https://www.ntia.gov>. Please refer to NTIA's website, <https://www.ntia.gov>, for the most current information.

Other Information: The meeting is open to the public and the press on a first-come, first-served basis and will be held in English. The virtual meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations such as real-time captioning, sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids should notify NTIA at kdimsdale@ntia.gov at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting. Access details for the meeting are subject to change. Please refer to NTIA's website, <https://www.ntia.gov>, for the most current information.

² Specific authority can be found in 47 U.S.C. 902(b)(2)(G)(i).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 23-84]

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:

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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 23-84 and Policy Justification.

Dated: November 18, 2024.

Stephanie J. Bost,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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

December 1, 2023

The Honorable Mike Johnson
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. 23-84, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$2.0 billion. 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

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Transmittal No. 23-84

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 Australia

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment *	\$0
Other	\$2.0 billion
TOTAL	\$2.0 billion

(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:* The Government of Australia has requested to buy articles and services in support of the Trilateral AUKUS Pillar I program.

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

None

Non-MDE:

Included are training devices, personnel training, planning, and Non-Recurring Engineering (NRE) services; support equipment;

special tools; training software and courseware; design; supply chain and industrial base support; facilities and construction support; publications and technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment; (United States (U.S.) Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; test and trials support; studies and surveys; other related elements of engineering and repair services for associated equipment and program

support; and other related elements of logistic and program support. U.S. training of private Australian industry personnel will occur only after explicitly authorized by the U.S. Department of State under U.S. law.

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

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any: AT-P-FBG*

(vi) *Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known*

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: None*

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress: December 1, 2023*

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Australia—AUKUS Training and Training Devices

The Government of Australia has requested to buy articles and services in support of the Trilateral AUKUS Pillar I program. Included are training devices, personnel training, planning, and Non-Recurring Engineering (NRE) services; support equipment; special tools; training software/and courseware; design; supply chain and industrial base support; facilities and construction support; publications and technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; test and trials support; studies and surveys; other related elements of engineering, and repair services for associated equipment and program support; and other related elements of logistic and

program support. U.S. training of private Australian industry personnel will occur only after explicitly authorized by the U.S. Department of State under U.S. law. The estimated total program cost is \$2.0 billion.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the U.S. 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 threats by providing an effective combatant deterrent capability to protect maritime interests and infrastructure in support of its strategic mission. The acquisition will lay the groundwork for the Australia/United Kingdom/U.S. (AUKUS) trilateral agreement. Australia will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment and services 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 Huntington Ingalls Industries, Newport News, VA; General Dynamics Electric Boat, Groton, CT; and Systems Planning Analysis, Alexandria, VA. There are no known offset agreements in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale requires the assignment of approximately seventy (70) additional U.S. Government and contractor representatives to Australia for a duration of approximately three (3)

years to support in-person training, equipment familiarization, and on-site engineering and maintenance of simulation and training devices.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 23-81]

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.

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