

Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:
See Attached Annex

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:* December 13, 2023

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Poland—Communications Equipment

The Government of Poland has requested to buy communications equipment, including AN/PRC-117G, AN/PRC-152A, AN/PRC-158, AN/PRC-160, AN/PRC-163, and AN/PRC-167 radios; Global Positioning System (GPS) receivers enabled by Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) or M-Code; support equipment; spare parts; technical manuals and publications; new equipment training; U.S. Government and contractor technical engineering, logistics, and personnel services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total program cost is \$255 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Poland's communications capability and contribute to its military goal of updating capability while further enhancing interoperability with the United States and other allies. 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 L3Harris Technologies, Inc., Melbourne, FL. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require temporary duty travel of up to five (5) U.S. Government and/or contractor representatives to travel to Poland for a short period to conduct training.

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

Transmittal No. 23-86

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex

Item No. vii

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. The AN/PRC-117G delivers breakthrough wideband data speed and

legacy narrowband performance. Equipped with MUOS-ready hardware, this manpack is 30% smaller and 35% lighter than any other currently available. The AN/PRC-117G is also the industry's first and only tactical radio with NINE Suite B encryption, allowing for secure interoperability with the United States, NATO, and regional tactical partners.

2. The Falcon III AN/PRC-152A delivers simultaneous voice and high-speed data, seamlessly connecting dismount and upper-echelon networks. Even in challenging environments, the AN/PRC-152A provides voice, data, imagery, and video, giving warfighters critical mission intelligence for enhanced decision-making.

3. The Falcon IV AN/PRC-158 delivers dual-channel connectivity across the full 30-2500 MHz frequency range. Compact and lightweight, the MCMP provides forward-deployed warfighters with an unrivaled level of tactical communications flexibility. Equipped with a Software Communications Architecture (SCA) and a broad portfolio of narrowband and wideband waveforms, the AN/PRC-158 ensures advanced interoperability and fast in-field updates for new capabilities. The manpack's two channels and superior routing and crossbanding technologies support communications redundancy and sharing critical voice and data intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) with a variety of nets and sub nets.

4. The Falcon III AN/PRC-160(V) is the smallest, lightest, and fastest Type 1-certified high frequency (HF) manpack available today. Engineered for advanced security and performance, the Wideband HF/VHF Tactical Radio System features industry-leading encryption and breakthrough data performance and interoperability.

5. The AN/PRC-163 Multi-channel Handheld Radio is a versatile, secure solution that leverages crossbanding to provide simultaneous data & voice across SATCOM, Line-of-Sight, and Mobile Ad-hoc Networking (MANET) modes. As mission needs evolve, this software-defined handheld supports fast, in-field updates to new capabilities. An external mission module hardware interface allows warfighters to quickly add options including ISR video and SATCOM.

6. The AN/PRC-167 harnesses the power of multiple tactical devices converged into a single manpack. The radio provides superior communications range extension, delivering real-time situational awareness updates up and down levels

of command. Engineered to meet multi-domain challenges of any combination of ground, vehicular, and airborne missions, the manpack simultaneously and independently runs the full frequency range of a broad portfolio of waveforms on each of two channels. As mission needs evolve, this software-defined manpack supports fast, in-field capability updates.

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

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 23-0W]

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)(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 with attached Transmittal 23-0W.

Dated: December 10, 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

December 14, 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)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 23-0W. 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 17-57 of October 30, 2017.

Sincerely,

James A. Hursch
Director

Enclosure:

1. Transmittal

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Transmittal No. 23-0W

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

(i) Purchaser: Government of Canada
(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal
No.: 17-57

Date: October 30, 2017

Implementing Agency: Air Force

(iii) Description: On October 30, 2017,
Congress was notified by Congressional
certification transmittal number 17-57
of the possible sale, under Section

36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act,
of up to thirty-two (32) AIM-120D
Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air
Missiles (AMRAAMs), up to eighteen
(18) AMRAAM Captive Air Training
Missiles (CATMs); up to four (4)
AMRAAM Non-Development Item—
Airborne Instrumentation Unit (NDI-
AIU); up to two (2) AMRAAM
Instrumented Test Vehicles (ITV); up to
seven (7) spare AMRAAM guidance
units; up to four (4) spare AMRAAM
control sections for use on their F/A-18
aircraft. Included in the sale were
containers; storage and preservation;
transportation; aircrew and maintenance

training; training aids and equipment,
spares and repair parts; warranties;
weapon system support and test
equipment; publications and technical
documentation; software development,
integration, and support; system
integration and testing; U.S.
Government and contractor engineering,
technical, and logistics support; and
other related elements of logistics and
program support. The total estimated
program cost was \$140 million. Major
Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted
\$130 million of this total.

On February 21, 2019, Congress was
notified by Congressional certification

transmittal number 19-0E of the inclusion of up to eighty-eight (88) AIM-120D AMRAAMs beyond the number enumerated in the original notification (for a total of one hundred twenty (120) AIM-120D AMRAAMs),— as well as the increase of up to sixteen (16) spare AMRAAM guidance units (for a total of twenty-three (23) spare AMRAAM guidance units), and eight (8) spare AMRAAM control sections (for a total of twelve (12) spare AMRAAM control sections). The MDE value increased by \$150 million to \$280 million. The total case value increased to \$308 million.

This transmittal notifies the inclusion of the following additional MDE items: up to four hundred twelve (412) AIM-120D AMRAAMs; up to forty-eight (48) AMRAAM Air-to-Air Vehicles Instrumented (AAVI); and up to ten (10) spare AMRAAM guidance units for use on F/A-18 and F-35 aircraft. Also included are KGV-135A embedded COMSEC devices; classified software and technical publications; AMRAAM control and telemetry sections; containers; field spares; support equipment; spare parts; technical publications; country-specific technical orders; repair and return services; site surveys; weapons system support; and training. The estimated total value of the new items and services is \$1.902 billion. The estimated MDE value will increase by \$1.66 billion to a revised \$1.94 billion. The estimated non-MDE value will increase by \$0.242 billion to a revised \$0.270 billion. The estimated total case value will increase to \$2.21 billion.

(iv) *Significance*: The inclusion of this MDE represents an increase in capability and capacity over what was previously notified. The proposed sale will increase Canada's stock of AIM-120D AMRAAM for use with its F/A-18 and F-35 fleets.

(v) *Justification*: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the military capability of Canada, a North Atlantic Treaty Organization Ally that is an important force for ensuring political stability and economic progress, and is a contributor to military, peacekeeping and humanitarian operations around the world.

(vi) *Sensitivity of Technology*:

The AIM-120D AAVI is a live launch test vehicle used primarily for flight test integration with a rocket motor and instrumentation unit in place of a warhead. The AAVI verifies and assesses the ability to safely launch an AMRAAM and validate the missile's performance.

The Sensitivity of Technology Statement contained in the original notification applies to additional items reported here.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

[Docket ID: USN-2024-HQ-0011]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

ACTION: 30-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 15, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reginald Lucas, (571) 372-7574, or whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Facilities Available for the Construction or Repair of Ships; Standard Form 17; OMB Control Number 0703-0006.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 200.

Average Burden per Response: 4 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 800.

Needs and Uses: The information collection is part of a joint effort between the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) and the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD), to maintain a working data set on active

U.S. shipyards. The information collected is critical in providing both organizations with a comprehensive list of U.S. commercial shipyards and their capabilities and capacities.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for profit.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Reginald Lucas.

Dated: December 11, 2024.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2024-SCC-0143]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Application for Grants Under the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education (FUTURE) Act 2019 Programs (1894-0001)

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 15, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check the "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the "View Information Collection (IC) List" link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by