

Transmittal No. 16–12

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 Iraq

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment *	\$ 0 million
Other .....	\$350 million
Total .....	\$350 million

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

*Non-Major Defense Equipment (MDE):*

The Iraq Air Force is requesting a five-year sustainment package for its KA–350 fleet that includes contract logistics, training, and contract engineering services. Also included in this possible sale are operational and intermediate depot level maintenance, spare parts, component repair, publication updates, maintenance training, and logistics.

(iv) *Military Department:* Air Force (X7–D–QBQ)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:* FMS Case: IQ–D–QAX–\$169M–13 September 2011, IQ–D–QBK–\$750K–19 November 2009

(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:* None

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:* 23 February 2016

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

*Policy Justification*

*Government of Iraq–KA–350 Sustainment, Logistics, and Spares Support*

The Government of Iraq is requesting a five-year sustainment package for its KA–350 fleet that includes; operational and intermediate depot level maintenance, spare parts, component repair, publication updates, maintenance training, and logistics. There is no Major Defense Equipment associated with this case. The overall total estimated value is \$350 million.

The Iraq Air Force (IqAF) operates five (5) King Air 350 ISR (intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance) and one (1) King Air 350 aircraft. The KA–350 aircraft are Iraq's only ISR-dedicated airborne platforms and are used to support Iraqi military operations against Al-Qaeda affiliates and Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) forces. The purchase of a sustainment package will allow the IqAF to continue to operate its fleet of six (6) KA–350

aircraft beyond September 2016 (end of the existing Contract Logistics Support (CLS) effort). Iraq will have no difficulty absorbing this support.

The proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security goals of the United States by helping to improve a critical capability of the Iraq Security Forces in defeating ISIL.

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

The prime contractor will be Beechcraft Defense Company, Wichita, KS. 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 Iraq.

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

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### **Intent To Prepare a Draft Beaver Lake Master Plan and Shoreline Management Plan and Environmental Assessment To Investigate Potential Significant Impacts, Either Positive or Negative, to Beaver Lake's Authorized Purposes of Flood Risk Management, Hydropower, Water Supply, Recreation, and Fish and Wildlife**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR, 1500–1517), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) implementing regulation, Policy and Procedures for Implementing NEPA, Engineer Regulation (ER) 200–2–2 (1988). The study is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of 36 CFR 327.30, dated July 27, 1990 and ER 1130–2–406, dated October 31, 1990. The EA will evaluate potential impacts (beneficial and adverse) to socioeconomic conditions, cultural and ecological resources, recreation,

aesthetics, infrastructure, lake water quality, terrestrial and aquatic fish and wildlife habitats, federally-listed threatened and endangered species, and cumulative impacts associated with past, current, and reasonably foreseeable future actions at Beaver Lake.

Following the public scoping period and after consideration of all comments received during scoping, USACE will prepare a Draft EA. The Draft EA will be made available for public review and comment. Based on the EA analysis, USACE will either issue a Finding of No Significant Impact or announce its intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS). If USACE determines that an EIS is needed, either during preparation of the EA or after completing the EA, USACE will issue in the **Federal Register** a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS. In that case, the current scoping process would serve as the scoping process that normally would follow an NOI to prepare an EIS. USACE would not solicit additional scoping comments but would consider any comments on the scope of the EA received during this scoping process in preparing the EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Mr. Craig Hilburn, Chief of Environmental Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning and Environmental Division, Environmental Branch, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203–0867. Comments will be accepted through April 5, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions or comments regarding the Draft Beaver Lake Master Plan and Shoreline Management Plan EA, please contact Mr. Craig Hilburn, (501) 324–5735 or email: [David.C.Hilburn@usace.army.mil](mailto:David.C.Hilburn@usace.army.mil).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. *Beaver Lake:* Beaver Lake is a multiple purpose water resource development project primarily for flood risk management, municipal and industrial water supply, and hydropower generation. Additional purposes include water recreation, and fish and wildlife management, to the extent that those additional purposes do not adversely affect flood risk management, power generation, or other authorized purposes of the project (Flood Control Act of 1944 as amended in 1946, 1954, 1958, 1962, 1965 and 1968 and the Water Resources Act of 1992). Beaver Lake is a major component of a comprehensive plan for water resource development in the White River Basin of Missouri and Arkansas. Additional beneficial uses include increased power output of

downstream power stations resulting from the regulated flow from the Beaver Lake project.

2. *Study Location:* The Beaver Lake Civil Works project on the White River is situated in northwest Arkansas (Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties). The total area contained in the Beaver project, including both land and water surface, consists of 38,138 acres, including 1,432 acres in flowage easement. The region is characterized by plateaus, ridges, and valleys featuring oak-hickory forests with scattered shortleaf pine. When the lake is at the top of the conservation pool, the water area comprises 28,252 acres and 473 miles of shoreline within fee. The shoreline is irregular with topography ranging from steep bluffs to gentle slopes.

3. *Study History:* The Beaver Lake Master Plan was originally approved December 13, 1963. An updated Master Plan was approved in October 1969. There have been 23 supplements to this plan, all of which are incorporated into the current Master Plan, approved in April 1976. The Beaver Lake Shoreline Management Plan was first approved in October 1975 and revised to the currently approved plan in April 2008. Updates to these plans are necessary due to several factors, including updates in Corps policies/regulations, current and projected future demands on fixed resources, and increases in environmental and management issues that have created sustainability concerns.

4. *Scoping/Public Involvement.* Public meetings will be held at the following locations and times: Tuesday, March 15, 2016, 4–7 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn—Fayetteville, 1325 North Palak Drive, Fayetteville, AR; Wednesday March 16, 2016, 4–7 p.m., Best Western Inn of the Ozarks Conference Center, 207 W. Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR; Thursday March 17, 2016, 4–7 p.m., Four Points by Sheraton Bentonville, 211 SE Walton Boulevard, Bentonville, AR.

The Public Scoping process provides information about the study to the public, serves as a mechanism to solicit agency and public input on alternatives and issues of concern, and ensures full and open participation in Scoping and review of the Draft EA. Comments received as a result of this notice, public meetings, and news releases will be used to assist the preparers in identifying potential impacts to the quality of the human or natural environment. The Corps invites other Federal agencies, Native American Tribes, State and local agencies and officials, private organizations, and interested individuals to participate in

the Scoping process by forwarding written comments to (see **ADDRESSES**). Interested parties may also request to be included on the mailing list for public distribution of announcements and documents.

5. *Issues/Alternatives:* The EA will evaluate effects from a range of alternatives developed to address potential environmental concerns of the area. Anticipated issues to be addressed in the EA include impacts on: (1) Hydropower, (2) flooding, (3) recreation, (4) water supply, (5) fish and wildlife resources and habitats, and (6), other impacts identified by the public, agencies or USACE studies.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2016-ICCD-0025]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Formula Grant EASIE Electronic Application System for Indian Education

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 2, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2016-ICCD-0025. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E-115, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Kimberly Smith, 202-453-6469.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Formula Grant EASIE Electronic Application System for Indian Education.

*OMB Control Number:* 1810-0021.

*Type of Review:* An extension of an existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 11,300.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 9,103.

*Abstract:* The Indian Education Formula Grant (CFDA 84.060A) requires the annual submission of the application from the local educational agency and/or tribe. The amount of each applicant's award is determined by formula, based upon the reported number of American Indian/Alaska Native students identified in the application, the state per pupil expenditure, and the total appropriation available. Applicants provide the data required for funding electronically, and the Office of Indian Education is able to apply electronic tools to facilitate the review and analysis leading to grant