

SUMMARY: The U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) is initiating an Interagency Special Report on Physical Climate Science (referred to as “the Report” throughout this notice). The focus of the Report will be an update to the physical climate science presented in the 2014 National Climate Assessment (NCA). Specifically, the Report will update Chapter 2 and Appendices 3 and 4 of the 2014 NCA (<http://www.globalchange.gov/nca3-downloads-materials>). The report will provide updated climate science findings and projections, and will be an important input to the authors of the next quadrennial NCA, expected in 2018.

The Report will be a product of the USGCRP, organized and led by an interagency team. This request for public engagement seeks nominations for technical contributors with expertise in climate data sets and trends, climate processes and feedbacks, global/regional climate models and associated projections, climate extremes, attribution and detection studies, and particular components of the Earth system, as well as other physical science disciplines. Refer to the Report prospectus (accessible via www.globalchange.gov/notices for further information on the goals, outline, and timeline for the report, as well as the process for technical contributors’ involvement.

The report will adhere to the Information Quality Act requirements http://www.cio.noaa.gov/services_programs/info_quality.html for quality, transparency, and accessibility as appropriate for a Highly Influential Scientific Assessment (HISA).

DATES: Nominations for technical contributors must be received by the USGCRP within 15 days after the publication date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Nominations for technical contributors must be submitted electronically via a web form accessible via <https://www.globalchange.gov/notices>. A short CV of no more than 4 pages must be included.

Instructions: Response to this notice is voluntary. Responses to this notice may be used by the government for program planning on a non-attribution basis. NOAA therefore requests that no business proprietary information or copyrighted information be submitted in response to this notice. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for response preparation, or for the use of any information contained in the response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: USGCRP Contact: David Dokken; telephone 202–419–3473; or email: ddokken@usgcrp.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Call for Nominations for Technical Contributors

This notice seeks nominations for technical contributors to the Report with pertinent subject matter expertise and scientific background. Potential technical contributors should be accomplished scholarly writers and have demonstrated scientific and technical expertise and academic proficiency in at least one of the physical climate science topics outlined in the prospectus, accessible via <https://www.globalchange.gov/notices>. Submissions must demonstrate that nominees have demonstrated technical backgrounds such that they could contribute to the development of a robust scientific, technical assessment as subject matter experts in one or more of the topics listed in the prospectus.

Responses to this request must be made within the 15-day call for nominations for technical contributors, beginning the publication date of this notice. Users can access the nominations form via www.globalchange.gov/notices. Interested persons may nominate themselves or third parties, and may nominate more than one person. Each nomination must include: (1) The nominee’s full name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information; (2) the nominee’s area(s) of expertise; (3) a short description of his/her qualifications relative to contributing to the report; and (4) a current resume [maximum length four (4) pages]. Nominations will be reviewed by a scientific steering committee, and nominees may be invited to participate as technical contributors to the Report. Selected experts would be informed no later than two weeks after close of the nominations window.

Dated: Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

Dan Barrie,

Program Manager, Assessments Program, NOAA, Climate Program Office.

Dated: March 25, 2016.

Gary C. Matlock,

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

[BAC: 6330–01]

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 21 April 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission offices at the National Building Museum, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 401 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20001–2728. Items of discussion may include buildings, parks and memorials.

Draft agendas and additional information regarding the Commission are available on our Web site: www.cfa.gov. Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Thomas Luebke, Secretary, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address; by emailing cfastaff@cfa.gov; or by calling 202–504–2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated: March 21, 2016, in Washington, DC.
Thomas Luebke,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 16–26]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104–164 dated July 21, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather N. Harwell, DSCA/LMO, (703) 697–9217.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives,

Transmittal 16–26 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: March 28, 2016.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

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MAR 24 2016

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
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. 16-26, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the United Kingdom for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$3.2 billion. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,


J. W. Rixey
Vice Admiral, USN
Director

Enclosures:

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



Transmittal No. 16-26

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:* United Kingdom

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment *	\$1.8 billion
Other	\$1.4 billion
Total	\$3.2 billion

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Nine (9) P-8A Patrol Aircraft, which include:

Tactical Open Mission Software (TOMS)
Electro-Optical (EO) and Infrared (IR) MX-20HD
AN/AAQ-2(V)1 Acoustic System
AN/APY-10 Radar
ALQ-240 Electronic Support Measures (ESM)

Twelve (12) Multifunctional Informational Distribution System (MIDS) Joint Tactical Radio Systems (JTRS)

Twelve (12) Guardian Laser Transmitter Assemblies (GLTA) for AN/AAQ-24(V)N

Twelve (12) System Processors for AN/AAQ-24(V)N

Twelve (12) Missile Warning Sensors for AN/AAR-54 (for AN/AAQ-24(V)N)

Nine (9) LN-251 with Embedded Global Positioning Systems/Inertial Navigation System (EGI)

Non-Major Defense Equipment (Non-MDE):

Associated training, training devices, and support

(iv) *Military Department*: U.S. Navy (SAN, Basic Aircraft Procurement Case; LVK, Basic Training Devices Case; TGO, Basic Training Case)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any*: UK-P-FBF, total case value \$5.6M, implemented January 27, 2015.

(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*: 24 March 2016

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Kingdom—P-8A Aircraft and Associated Support

The Government of the United Kingdom (UK) has requested notification for the possible procurement of up to nine (9) P-8A Patrol Aircraft, associated major defense equipment, associated training, and support. The estimated cost is \$3.2 billion.

The UK is a close ally and an important partner on critical foreign policy and defense issues. The proposed sale will enhance U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives by enhancing the UK's capabilities to provide national defense and contribute to NATO and coalition operations.

The proposed sale will allow the UK to reestablish its Maritime Surveillance Aircraft (MSA) capability that it divested when it cancelled the Nimrod MRA4 Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) program. The United Kingdom has retained core skills in maritime patrol and reconnaissance following the retirement of the Nimrod aircraft through Personnel Exchange Programs (PEPs). The MSA has remained the United Kingdom's highest priority unfunded requirement. The P-8A aircraft would fulfill this requirement. The UK will have no difficulty absorbing these aircraft into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor involved in this sale is The Boeing Company, Seattle, WA. Implementation of the proposed sale will require approximately sixty-four (64) personnel hired by Boeing to support the program in the United Kingdom. Additional contractors include:

ViaSat, Carlsbad, CA
GC Micro, Petaluma, CA
Rockwell Collins, Cedar Rapids, IA
Spirit Aero, Wichita, KS
Raytheon, Waltham, MA
Telephonics, Farmingdale, NY
Pole Zero, Cincinnati, OH
Northrop Grumman Corp, Falls Church, VA

Exelis, McLean, VA
Terma, Arlington, VA
Symmetrics, Canada
Arnprior Aerospace, Canada
General Electric, UK
Martin Baker, UK

There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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 P-8A aircraft is a militarized version of the Boeing 737-800 Next Generation (NG) commercial aircraft. The P-8A is replacing the P-3C as the Navy's long-range anti-submarine warfare (ASW), anti-surface warfare (ASuW), intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) aircraft capable of broad-area, maritime and littoral operations.

2. P-8A mission systems include:

(a) Tactical Open Mission Software (TOMS). TOMS functions include environment planning tactical aids, weapons planning aids, and data correlation. TOMS includes an algorithm for track fusion which automatically correlates tracks produced by on-board and off-board sensors.

(b) Electro-Optical (EO) and Infrared (IR) MX-20HD. The EO/IR system processes visible EO and IR spectrum to detect and image objects.

(c) AN/AAQ-2(V)1 Acoustic System. The Acoustic sensor system is integrated within the mission system as the primary sensor for the aircraft ASW missions. The system has multi-static active coherent (MAC) 64 sonobuoy processing capability and acoustic sensor prediction tools.

(d) AN/APY-10 Radar. The aircraft radar is a direct derivative of the legacy AN/APS-137(V) installed in the P-3C. The radar capabilities include Global Positioning System (GPS), selective availability anti-spoofing, Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR), and Inverse Synthetic Aperture Radar (ISAR) imagery resolutions, and periscope detection mode.

(e) ALQ-240 Electronic Support Measures (ESM). This system provides real time capability for the automatic detection, location, measurement, and analysis of Radio-Frequency (RF) signals and modes. Real time results are compared with a library of known emitters to perform emitter classification and specific emitter identification (SEI).

(f) Electronic Warfare Self Protection (EWSP). The aircraft EWSP consists of the ALQ-213 Electronic Warfare Management System (EWMS), ALE-47 Countermeasures Dispensing System (CMDs), and the AN/AAQ-24 Directional Infrared Countermeasures (DIRCM)/AAR-54 Missile Warning Sensors (MWS). The EWSP includes threat information.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary was to obtain access to the P-8A specific hardware and software elements, systems could be reverse engineered to discover U.S. Navy capabilities and tactics. The consequences of the loss of this technology, to a technologically advanced or competent adversary, could result in the development of countermeasures or equivalent systems, which could reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar advance capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that the United Kingdom can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the technology being released as the U.S. Government. Support of the P-8A Patrol Aircraft to the Government of the United Kingdom is necessary in the furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the United Kingdom.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Integrated Feasibility Report Including Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (Integrated Feasibility Report) for the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study, Los Angeles County, CA

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