

meetings. While industry will receive the questions early, the data will generally be developed with a Review Team member. Government program managers and agents will be consulted for data prior to interviewing industrial participants in order to further reduce the latter's time expenditure. For example, DARPA personnel in the JDUPO have been consulted as to the availability of material. Their files have been used to minimize further collection. In addition, Service, Department of Transportation (DOT), Department of Energy (DOE), National Science Foundation (NSF), and other agencies involved have been contacted and consulted. Further, this review will be conducted only once (as opposed to yearly) although a follow-up will be made on each unfinished project in order to update the data.

There is no need for respondents to make any capital expenditures to support this effort. The average time required of the respondents is estimated at two hours. (Since most of the questions have already been addressed as part of normal business practices, little preparation is usually needed).

Dated: October 14, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the

following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement Part 243, Contract Modifications, and Associated Clauses at 252.243; No Forms; OMB Number 0704-0397.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 575.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 575.

Average Burden Per Response: 6.7 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 3,850.

Needs and Uses: The information collection required by the clause at 252.243-7002, Certification of Requests for Equitable Adjustment, is required by 10 U.S.C. 2410(a). The information is used by DoD contracting officers and auditors to evaluate requests for equitable adjustment. The clause at DFARS 252.243-7002 requires contractors to certify that requests for equitable adjustment that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold are made in good faith and that the supporting data are accurate and complete, and to provide full disclosure of all relevant facts in support of the requested adjustment.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Peter Weiss.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information should be sent to Mr. Weiss at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DOIR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: October 14, 1997.

Patricia L. Toppings,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 98-10]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Assistance Agency.

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 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSAA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 98-10, with attached transmittal, policy justification, and sensitivity of technology pages.

Dated: October 14, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

In reply refer to:
I-50006/97

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 98-10, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Japan for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$105 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

MS Darwin

MICHAEL S. DAVISON, JR.
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USA
DIRECTOR

Attachments Same ltr to: House Committee on International Relations
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
House Committee on National Security
Senate Committee on Armed Services
House Committee on Appropriations

Transmittal No. 98-10

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

- (i) Prospective Purchaser: Japan
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:
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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 68 million |
| Other | \$ 37 million |
| TOTAL | \$ 105 million |
- (iii) Description of Articles or Services Offered:
Two MK-41 Vertical Launch Systems (VLS), two MK-48 Guided Missile Vertical Launch Systems (GMVLS), two MK-36 Decoy Launching Systems, systems engineering and testing services, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics services, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, system software support and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) Military Department: Navy (LQV)
- (v) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None
- (vi) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:
See Annex attached.
- (vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: 2 OCT 1997

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATIONJapan - Vertical Launch System

The Government of Japan has requested a possible sale of two MK-41 Vertical Launch Systems (VLS), two MK-48 Guided Missile Vertical Launch Systems (GMVLS), two MK-36 Decoy Launching Systems, systems engineering and testing services, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics services, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, system software support and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$105 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of an allied country which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in Asia.

Japan will use these weapon systems and equipment to outfit naval vessels under construction, to augment its current missile weapon system inventories and to provide an air defense capability for operational naval vessels. Japan currently operates these naval weapon systems and equipment and therefore will have no difficulty absorbing this additional equipment into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractors will be Lockheed Martin Aerospace and Naval Systems, Baltimore, Maryland and Raytheon Company, Wayland, Massachusetts. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this proposed sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any U.S. Government personnel or contractor representatives to Japan.

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

Transmittal No. 98-10

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of the Arms Export Control Act

Classified Annex
Item No. vi

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Vertical Launch System equipment, technical data, training, services, and documentation are not sensitive and are Unclassified. Computer Operational tapes/programs are Confidential.

2. The Guided Missile Vertical Launch System equipment, technical data, training, services and documentation are not sensitive and are Unclassified. Computer operational tapes/program are Confidential.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements of the aforementioned systems, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems capable of reducing weapon system effectiveness. This information could also be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that the recipient country can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.