

Affairs, Policy Memorandum to Establish the TRICARE Plus Program, June 22, 2001. The information collected hereby provides the TRICARE contractors with necessary data to determine beneficiary eligibility and to identify the selection of a health care option.

Affected Public: Individuals or household.

Annual Burden Hours: 2,933.

Number of Respondents: 25,065.

Response Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: .117 hours or 7 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The Department of Defense established TRICARE Plus as an enrollment option for persons who are eligible for care in Military Treatment Facilities (MTF) and not enrolled in TRICARE Prime. TRICARE Plus provides an opportunity to enroll with a primary care provider at a specific MTF, to the extent capacity exists. This is a way to facilitate primary care appointments at an MTF when needed. TRICARE Plus enrollment will help MTFs maintain an adequate clinical case mix for Graduate Medical Education programs and support readiness-related medical skills sustainment activities. In order to carry out this program, it is necessary that a certain beneficiaries electing to enroll/disenroll in TRICARE Plus complete an enrollment application/disenrollment request. Completion of the enrollment forms is an essential element of the TRICARE program. There is no lock-in and no enrollment fee for TRICARE Plus.

Dated: September 5, 2001.

Patricia Toppings,

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, Form Number, and OMB Number: End-Use Certificate; DLA Form 1822; OMB Number 0704-0382.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 40,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 40,000.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 13,200.

Needs and Uses: All individuals wishing to acquire government property identified as Munitions List Items (MLI) or Commerce Control List Items (CCLI) must complete this form each time they enter into a transaction. It is used to clear recipients to ensure their eligibility to conduct business with the Government: that they are not debarred bidders; Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) or Blocked Person; have not violated U.S. export laws; will not divert the property to denied/sanctioned countries, unauthorized destinations or sell to debarred/Bidder Experience List firms or individuals. The End-Use Certificate (EUC) informs the recipients that when this property is to be exported, they must comply with the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), 22 CFR 120 et seq.; Export Administration Regulations (EAR), 15 CFR 730 et seq.; Office of Foreign Asset Controls (OFAC), 31 CFR 500 et seq.; and the United States Customs Service rules and regulations. The form is available electronically.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households; Business or Other For-Profit; Not-For-Profit Institutions.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondents Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10246, 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/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: September 5, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 01-26]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation 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 P.L. 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

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

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 01-26 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: August 31, 2001.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

24 AUG 2001
In reply refer to:
I-01/009331

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of
Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501

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. 01-26, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Egypt for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$354 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tome H. Walters, Jr.", is positioned above the typed name.

TOME H. WALTERS, JR.
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USAF
DIRECTOR

Attachments

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

Transmittal No. 01-26

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

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** Egypt
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
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| Major Defense Equipment* | \$253 million |
| Other | <u>\$101 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$354 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** Twenty-six Extended Range-Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (ER-MLRS) with fire control panels, 485 ER-MLRS rocket pods (six rockets per pod), 22 reduced range practice rocket pods (six rockets per pod), one MLRS fire control proficiency trainer, three M88A2 recovery vehicles, 30 M577A2 command post carriers, 29 AN/VRC-89E, 57 AN/VRC-90E, and 60 AN/VRC-92E SINCGARS radios, training and test devices, trucks, missile systems software, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics services, a U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, a Cooperative Logistics Supply Support Arrangement, support equipment, maintenance support of repairable material and other related elements of program support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Army (UUH)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:**
FMS case USN - \$ 50 million - 28Jan01
FMS case JBM - \$191 million - 18Mar98
- (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 Annex attached
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 24 AUG 2001

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Egypt - Extended Range-Multiple Launch Rocket Systems

The Government of Egypt has requested the possible sale of 26 Extended Range-Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (ER-MLRS) with fire control panels, 485 ER-MLRS rocket pods (six rockets per pod), 22 reduced range practice rocket pods (six rockets per pod), one MLRS fire control proficiency trainer, three M88A2 recovery vehicles, 30 M577A2 command post carriers, 29 AN/VRC-89E, 57 AN/VRC-90E, and 60 AN/VRC-92E SINCGARS radios, training and test devices, trucks, missile systems software, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics services, a U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, a Cooperative Logistics Supply Support Arrangement, support equipment, maintenance support of repairable material and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$354 million.

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

The proposed sale of the ER-MLRS will enable the Egypt Army to continue developing a defensive area fire capability to counter hostile long range artillery and rocket systems as well as enhance its interoperability with U.S. forces. Egypt needs the SINCGARS radios to fulfill its strategic commitments for complete communications interoperability and standardization of equipment and to be able to communicate with its various vehicles and the U.S. forces. Egypt will have no difficulty absorbing these surface-to-surface missiles in its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Lockheed Martin Missile and Fire Control of Dallas, Texas. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of a Quality Assurance team and one contractor representative for two weeks to assist in the delivery and deployment of the ER-MLRS to Egypt.

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

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Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act****Annex
Item No. vi****(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The Extended Range-Multiple Launch Rocket System (ER-MLRS) is a free flight artillery rocket system designed to deliver counter-battery fire and suppress enemy air defense systems. The basic warhead carries a load of improved conventional sub-munitions (grenades) that are scattered over a wide area of the battlefield. The ER-MLRS consists of several unclassified sub-systems; the self-propelled launcher, the preloaded launcher pods and the fire control system. A major part of the fire control element is the Lightweight Computer Unit which receives digital firing data from a forward observer, computes range and deflection information and transmits this information to the rocket launcher crew.

2. The highest level of classified information required to be released for training, operation and maintenance of the ER-MLRS rocket pods is Confidential. The highest level of information which could be revealed through reverse engineering or testing of the end item is Secret. ER-MLRS technical data and information includes Confidential and Secret reports and data, as well as performance and capability data, classified Confidential/Secret. The hardware for ER-MLRS is Unclassified. Software is classified Secret for the Fire Direction Data manager, the Fire Direction System and the Improved Fire Control System. Software for the Communications Distribution Unit is classified Confidential.

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

4. A determination has been made that Egypt 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.