

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

North Atlantic Treaty Organization Consultation, Command, and Control Agency – Satellite Communication Services and Support

North Atlantic Treaty Organization Consultation, Command, and Control Agency (NATO NC3A) has requested a possible sale of satellite communication services and support for Extremely High Frequency (EHF) service on the United States Advanced EHF (AEHF) systems, AEHF follow-on support for meeting future satellite communication requirements, control of service-provisioned resources on AEHF and applicable follow-on systems, communications infrastructure upgrade and maintenance support, operation and logistics support including training, publications and documentation, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related requirements. The estimated cost is \$550 million.

This proposed sale is in support of a competition which is limited to bids from member nations that participate in NATO. NATO remains the fundamental component of U.S. national security in the North Atlantic and European regions. By providing satellite communication services, the U.S. ensures interoperability with our own capabilities and those of our NATO allies and maintains a direct influence on NATO's communications architecture.

NATO currently has a satellite communications system that is used in support of NATO military operations and to provide communications for political consultations. This proposed sale would obtain a protected satellite communications capability and augment their satellite communications system. NATO has been operating a satellite communications system since the early 1970's.

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

There is no prime contractor involved in this program. The NATO bid is opened only to NATO member nations. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of 10 U.S. Government and 15 contractor representatives, throughout NATO's area of operations, for 11 years.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 03-06]

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 Public Law 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 03-06 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: October 15, 2002.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternative OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

11 OCT 2002

In reply refer to:
I-02/013831

**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 (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 03-06, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to the United Kingdom for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$535 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tome Walters", 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 Foreign Relations
House Committee on Armed Services
Senate Committee on Armed Services
House Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Appropriations**

Transmittal No. 03-06

**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:**
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| Major Defense Equipment* | \$514 million |
| Other | \$ <u>21 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$535 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** eight MH-47G Special Operations Chinook helicopters, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, communications equipment, maintenance, personnel training and training equipment, contractor engineering and technical support services, preparation of aircraft for shipment, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Army (WNF)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:** none
- (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:** 11 OCT 2002

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Kingdom – MH-47G Special Operations Chinook Helicopters

The Government of the United Kingdom has requested a possible sale of eight MH-47G Special Operations Chinook helicopters, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, communications equipment, maintenance, personnel training and training equipment, contractor engineering and technical support services, preparation of aircraft for shipment, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$535 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the military capabilities of the United Kingdom and furthering standardization and interoperability.

The United Kingdom needs these helicopters to fulfill its strategic commitments for self-defense/coalition activities and to enhance its military capability. The United Kingdom will have no difficulty absorbing these helicopters into 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 the Boeing Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There are no 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 the United Kingdom.

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

Transmittal No. 03-06**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 MH-47G Chinook helicopter includes the following classified or sensitive components:

a. MH-47G Advanced Aircraft Survivability Equipment (AASE) Suite, with the following two major subsystems:

(1) The MH-47G Suite of Integrated Radio Frequency Countermeasures (SIRFC) is a fully integrated aircraft survivability system that provides radar warning and electronic countermeasures for the MH-47G helicopter. This system detects, identifies, prioritizes, and counters pulse, pulse doppler, continuous wave and pulse compression signals. The MH-47G critical system information is stored in the SIRFC in the form of mission source codes, User Data Files (UDF), classification algorithms, and coded threat parametrics, all classified Secret. The data, including operational software, proposed for release will not, in itself, facilitate reverse engineering.

(2) The MH-47G Suite of Integrated Infrared Countermeasures (SIIRCM) is a fully integrated aircraft survivability system that detects advanced infrared threats in all environments. This system uses a directional laser/lamp technology to defeat the infrared threat. The MH-47G critical system information is stored in the SIIRCM in the form of mission source codes, User Data Files (UDF), classification algorithms, and coded threat parametrics, all classified Secret. The data, including operational software, proposed for release will not in itself facilitate reverse engineering.

b. The Controlled Cryptographic Items (CCI) include the KY-58, KIT-1C, and KY-100 secure communications equipment. These systems are portable hardware units, which must be accounted for but are Unclassified when un-keyed (no code loaded in system). When the system is mounted in the aircraft and keyed, the equipment is considered classified (level of classification based on code keyed in system). The aircraft has provisions that allow both pilot and co-pilot to zeroize (erase) all codes upon imminent capture by threat forces. Internal mechanisms and design of cryptographic equipment is classified. Releasable technical manuals for operational and organic level maintenance are Unclassified. The data, including operational software, proposed for release will not facilitate reverse engineering.

c. The AP-174 Multi-Mode Radar (MMR) and Advanced Forward Looking Infrared Radar (FLIR) provides the MH-47G enhanced capabilities for weather penetration as well as night navigation capabilities. These two separate systems may be used singularly or in combination. Hardware is Unclassified, technical manuals for authorized maintenance levels are Unclassified. Reverse engineering is not a major concern.

2. Loss of this hardware and/or data could permit development of information leading to the exploitation of this aircraft and its capabilities/vulnerabilities. Therefore, if a technologically capable adversary were to obtain these devices, the aircraft could be compromised through reverse engineering techniques that could defeat the aircraft's effectiveness.

3. A determination has been made that the United Kingdom 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Joint Defense Science Board/Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Task Force on the Acquisition of National Security Space Programs will meet in closed sessions on November 7-8, 2002; and November 18-20, 2002, in Chantilly, VA. This Task Force will review the acquisition of National Security Space Programs and make recommendations to improve the acquisition of space programs from their initiation to deployment.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Task Force3 will focus on what matters to providing national security advantage to the United States and look at the problem in as holistic a fashion as possible, considering the entire space acquisition process, including industry suppliers as well as government acquirers. The assessment will consider what is happening in the four inter-connected sectors of the space business—commercial, civil, intelligence and military. Personnel issues, including numbers, skills, experience and demographics of space professionals (including CAAS and FFRDC personnel) as well as effects of corporate mergers in all these areas may be included. The assessment will also consider all aspects of the government's role in managing and funding space system acquisition—SPO, PEO, Science and Technology,

Major Command, Service Headquarters, OSD, NRO, NASA and Congress—to derive insights.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly these meetings will be closed to the public.

Dated: October 11, 2002.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary of Defense announces the proposed reinstatement of a public collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments by December 20, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the DOD Air Carrier and Analysis Office (HQ AMC/DOB), 402 Scott Drive, Unit 3A1, Scott AFB, IL 62225-5302, ATTN: Ms. Pat Stout.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instrument, please write to the above address or call HQ AMC/DOB at 618-229-3092.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: DOD Statement of Intent, AMC Form 207, OMB Number 0701-0137.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to assist the overall evaluation of commercial airlines to provide quality, safe, and reliable airlift service when procured by the Department of Defense (DOD). Information is needed to comply with 32CFR861.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 300.

Number of Respondents: 15.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden for Respondent: 20 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are commercial air carriers desiring to supply airlift services to DoD. AMC 207 provides vital information from the carriers needed to determine their eligibility to participate in the DoD Air Transportation Program.

Pamela D. Fitzgerald,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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