

ADDRESSES: Senate Hart Hearing Room 216, Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20510

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please see the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission Web site, <http://www.brac.gov>. The Commission invites the public to provide direct comment by sending an electronic message through the portal provided on the Commission's Web site or by mailing comments and supporting documents to the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, 2521 South Clark Street Suite 600, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3920. The Commission requests that public comments be directed toward matters bearing on the decision criteria described in The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended, available on the Commission Web site. Sections 2912 through 2914 of that Act describe the criteria and many of the essential elements of the 2005 BRAC process. For questions regarding this announcement, contact Mr. Dan Cowhig, Deputy General Counsel and Designated Federal Officer, at the Commission's mailing address or by telephone at 703-699-2950 or 2708.

Dated: August 5, 2005.

Jeannette Owings-Ballard,

Administrative Support Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed public information 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 burden of the 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 received by October 11, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), 4040 N. Fairfax Drive, 9th Floor, Arlington, VA 22203, Attn: Dr. Judith L. Williams.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call at (703) 588-3143.

Title and OMB Control Number:

'Department of Defense Activity (DoDEA) Evaluation and Program Surveys—Generic,' OMB Control Number 0704-TBD.

Needs and Uses: The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) is a DoD field activity operating under the direction, authority, and control of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Military Community and Family Policy. The DoDEA operates 223 schools in 16 districts located in 13 foreign countries, seven states, Guam, and Puerto Rico. The DoDEA has a need to do one-time evaluations of students and sponsors in the areas of educational program implementation, education school based decisions (i.e. school calendar), and general school functions. Collection of this data will be conducted through paper-pencil surveys, interviews, focus groups, and online surveys.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 3,667 hours.

Number of Respondents: 22,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

DoDEA will conduct a variety of activities, to include, but not necessarily limited to paper-pencil surveys, interviews, focus groups, and online surveys in the area of curriculum implementation, school calendars, school facilities, course offerings, technology access, enrollment procedures, transition procedures, counseling procedures, and other general school functions. Respondents will be DoDEA students in grades Pre-K-12 and their sponsors who are not included in 10 USC 1782, Survey of Military Families. Survey instruments, to include burden hours and supporting documentation, will be submitted to the DoD Clearance Officer and OMB for final approval as they become available.

Dated: July 29, 2005.

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. 05-38]

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 July 21, 1996.

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

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 05-38 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Jeannette Owings-Ballard,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

4 AUG 2005

In reply refer to:
I-05/007928

**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, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 05-38, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Kuwait for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$19 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,


**Richard J. Millies
Deputy Director**

Enclosures:

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

**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. 05-38

**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:** Kuwait
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$18 million |
| Other | <u>\$ 1 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$19 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** The Government of Kuwait has requested a possible sale of:
- Major Defense Equipment (MDE)**
- | <u>Anti-armor guided missiles</u> | <u>Fly-to-buy missiles</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 288 TOW-2A | 4 TOW-2A |
| 140 TOW-2B | 4 TOW-2B |
- Also included are spare and repair parts, supply support, publications and technical data, engineering change proposals, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$19 million.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Army (ULA)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:** FMS Case UJW - \$28 million - 21Aug95
- (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:** 4 AUG 2005

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION (U)**Kuwait - TOW-2A/B Anti-armor Guided Missiles**

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Major Defense Equipment (MDE)

<u>Anti-armor guided missiles</u>	<u>Fly-to-buy missiles</u>
288 TOW-2A	4 TOW-2A
140 TOW-2B	4 TOW-2B

Also included are spare and repair parts, supply support, publications and technical data, engineering change proposals, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$19 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 major non-NATO ally which has been, and continues to be, an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East. Additionally, the proposed sale will provide a signal of the U.S. Government commitment to our bilateral relationship.

Kuwait will use these TOW-2 missiles to upgrade its air-to-surface day/night anti-armor defense capability and provide close air support for the military ground forces. Kuwait will augment its land forces with these TOW-2B anti-armor guided missiles. This weapon sale will greatly enhance the coalition efforts within the region. Kuwait, which already has TOW-2 missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.

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

The prime contractor will be the Raytheon Corporation of Mesa, Arizona. 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 Kuwait.

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

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of the Arms Export Control Act****Annex
Item No. vii****(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The TOW-2 Weapon System hardware and documentation provided with this proposed sale are Unclassified, however, sensitive technology is contained within the system itself. This sensitivity is primarily in the software programs, which instruct the system how to operate in the presence of countermeasures. Programs are contained in the system in the form of microprocessors with only Read out Memory maps being available, which do not provide the software program itself. The overall hardware is also considered sensitive in that the modulation frequency and infrared wavelengths could be useful in attempted countermeasure development.

2. The Radio Frequency (RF) TOW-2A configuration is the direct attack version of the TOW family of missiles capable of defeating modern threat targets. It consists of a single main warhead and a standoff probe. The probe contains a precursor charge that detonates upon contact with the target for pre-emptive removal of reactive armor. The main charge is detonated by a subsequent timed interval or by contact with the target.

3. The RF TOW-2B configuration is the top attack version of the TOW family of missiles capable of defeating modern threat targets. The TOW-2B warhead consists of dual Explosively Formed Penetrators (EFP) designed to fire downward over the top of the target thus penetrating the target with catastrophic results.

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