

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Australia Participation in USAF C-17 Globemaster Sustainment Partnership

The Government of Australia has requested to continue participation in the USAF/Boeing Globemaster III Sustainment Partnership (GSP) which consists of support for Australia's fleet of four Boeing C-17A Globemaster III cargo aircraft, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, support equipment, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$300 million.

Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region. Australia's efforts in peacekeeping and humanitarian operations in Iraq and in Afghanistan have had a significant impact on regional, political, and economic stability and have served U.S. national security interests. This proposed sale is consistent with those objectives and facilitates burden-sharing with our allies.

This program will ensure Australia can effectively maintain its current force projection capability that enhances interoperability with U.S. forces. Australia is a staunch supporter of the U.S. in Iraq and Afghanistan. Australia's troops are deployed in support of IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM, where U.S. assets currently provide this proposed capability.

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

The principal contractor will be Boeing Integrated Defense Systems in St. Louis, MO. There are no known offset agreements in connection with this proposed sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of ten U.S. Government and contractor representatives to participate in program management and technical reviews for two-week intervals annually. Additionally, up to ten contractor representatives will be required to provide in-country services throughout the life of this case.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 09-27]

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. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601-3740.

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

Representatives, Transmittals 09-27 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: July 28, 2009.

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Transmittal No. 09-27

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:** Korea
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
 - Major Defense Equipment** \$.940 billion
 - Other** \$.060 billion
 - TOTAL** \$1.000 billion
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 8 MH-60S Multi-Mission Helicopters with 16 T700-GE-401C Turbo shaft engines and associated Airborne Mine Countermeasure (AMCM) Sensors, 8 AN/AQS-20A Towed Sonar Mine Countermeasure Systems, 8 AN/AES-1 Airborne Laser Mine Detection Systems, 8 AN/ASQ-235 Airborne Mine Neutralization Systems, 8 AN/ALQ-220 Organic Airborne and Surface Influence Sweep Systems, 8 AN/AWS-2 Rapid Airborne Mine Clearance Systems, test and support equipment, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Navy (SDO)
- (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:** none
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** JUL 17 2009

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Korea – MH-60S Multi-Mission Helicopters

The Republic of Korea has requested a possible sale 8 MH-60S Multi-Mission Helicopters with 16 T700-GE-401C Turbo shaft engines and associated Airborne Mine Countermeasure (AMCM) Sensors, 8 AN/AQS-20A Towed Sonar Mine Countermeasure Systems, 8 AN/AES-1 Airborne Laser Mine Detection Systems, 8 AN/ASQ-235 Airborne Mine Neutralization Systems, 8 AN/ALQ-220 Organic Airborne and Surface Influence Sweep Systems, 8 AN/AWS-2 Rapid Airborne Mine Clearance Systems, test and support equipment, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related logistics support. The estimated cost is \$1.0 billion.

The Republic of Korea is one of the major political and economic powers in East Asia and the Western Pacific and a key partner of the United States in ensuring peace and stability in that region. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist our ally in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability, which will contribute to an acceptable military balance in the area. This proposed sale is consistent with those objectives.

The Republic of Korea needs these helicopters to support the Korean Navy's ability to provide mine warfare detection and mine neutralization operations to maintain critical sea-lines of communication and coastal access around the Korean peninsula.

The principal contractors will be Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation in Stratford, CT, Lockheed Martin Systems Integration in Owego, NY; Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems in Tucson, AZ; Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems in McKinney, TX; Northrop Grumman Corporation in Melbourne, FL; ITT Corporation in Panama City, FL, and Enterprise Ventures Corporation in Johnstown, PA. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require temporary travel for U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the Republic of Korea for in-country training.

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. vii****(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The MH-60S Multi-mission helicopter is designed to perform vertical replenishment, combat search and rescue, special warfare support and airborne mine countermeasures (AMCM) missions. The hardware consists of twin front-drive turbo shaft T700-GE-401C engines which supply power to the main and tail rotors, and power the electrical and hydraulic systems through the main transmission. The AMCM systems include the AN/AQS-20A Towed Sonar Mine Countermeasure system, AN/AES-1 Airborne Laser Mine Detection Systems, AN/ASQ-235 Airborne Mine Neutralization Systems, AN/ALQ-220 Organic Airborne and Surface Influence Sweep Systems, and the AN/AWS-2 Rapid Airborne Mine Clearance Systems. The possible sale of the MH-60S Multi-mission helicopters and associated sensors will result in the transfer of sensitivity technology and information, as well as classified and unclassified defense equipment and technical data. Some of the publications, tactical equipment performance specifications, operational capabilities, and vulnerability to countermeasures are classified Secret. The classified information that will be provided consists only of that necessary for Korea to operate, maintain, and overhaul the MH-60 airframe, T700-GE-401C engines, some of the installed avionics, and data management system software. Certain tactical systems will be returned for repair due to technology sensitivity. Tactical software source code, algorithms, and design data will not be released. The following classified components to be delivered are the aircraft data management system, tactical systems, and aircraft software. The highest classification is the Avionics Operational Program, which is classified Secret.

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

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