DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2013-OS-0176]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the DFAS announces a 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 the 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 April 20, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350–3100.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

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 Defense Finance and Accounting Services—Cleveland, 1240 East 9th Street, Cleveland, OH 44199, ATTN: JFBDA—Mr. Charles Moss, charles.moss@dfas.mil, 216–204–4426.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Trustee Report, DD 2826, OMB 0730–0012.

Needs and Uses: This form is used to report on the administration of the funds received on behalf of a mentally incompetent member of the uniformed services pursuant to 37 U.S.C. 602–604.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 300 hours. Number of Respondents: 300. Responses per Respondent: 1. Average Burden per Response: 1 hour. Frequency: On occasion.

When a member of the uniformed services is declared mentally incompetent, the need arises to have a trustee appointed to act on their behalf with regard to military pay matters. Trustees will complete this form to report the administration of the funds

received on behalf of the member. The requirement to complete this form helps alleviate the opportunity for fraud, waste and abuse of Government funds and member's benefits.

Dated: February 12, 2015.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 14-55]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense.

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. 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 14–55 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: February 12, 2015.

Aaron Siegel,

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

201 12TH STREET SOUTH, STE 203 ARLINGTON, VA 22202-5408

The Honorable John A. Boehner Speaker of the House U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

FEB 06 2015

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. 14-55, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to The Netherlands for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$339 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a press statement to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

J. W Rixey Vice Admiral, USN Director

Enclosures:

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



Transmittal No. 14-55

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:* The Netherlands
 - (ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$108 million Other \$231 million

TOTAL\$339 millio

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

- (iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:
- 4 MQ–9 Block 5 Reaper Remotely Piloted Aircraft
- 4 Mobile Ground Control Stations Block 30 (option Block 50)
- 6 Honeywell TPE331–10T Turboprop Engines (4 installed and 2 spares)
- 2 SATCOM Earth Terminal Sub-System
- 6 AN/DAS-1 Multi-Spectral Targeting Systems (MTS)-B
- 4 General Atomics Lynx (exportable) Synthetic Aperture Radar/Ground Moving Target Indicator (SAR/GMTI) Systems, w/Maritime Wide Area Search capability
- 2 Ruggedized Aircraft Maintenance Test Stations
- 20 ARC-210 RT-1939 Radio Systems
- 8 KY–1006 Common Crypto Modules
- 8 Ku-band Link-Airborne Communications Systems
- 4 KIV–77 Mode 4/5 Identification Friend or Foe

- 4 AN/APX–119 Mode 4/5 Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) Transponder (515 Model)
- 14 Honeywell H–764 Adaptive Configurable Embedded Global Positioning System/Inertial Guidance Units (EGI) with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) (12 installed and 2 spares)

Also provided are an Initial Spares Package (ISP) and Readiness Spares Package (RSP) to support 3400 Flight Hours for a three (3) year period, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Air Force (SMQ).

(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 Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: 06 Feb 2015.

Policy Justification

The Netherlands—MQ-9 Reapers

The Government of the Netherlands has requested a possible sale of:

- 4 MQ–9 Block 5 Reaper Remotely Piloted Aircraft
- 4 Mobile Ground Control Stations Block 30 (option Block 50)
- 6 Honeywell TPE331–10T Turboprop Engines (4 installed and 2 spares)
- 2 SATCOM Earth Terminal Sub-System
- 6 AN/DAS-1 Multi-Spectral Targeting Systems (MTS)-B
- 4 General Atomics Lynx (exportable) Synthetic Aperture Radar/Ground Moving Target Indicator (SAR/GMTI) Systems, w/Maritime Wide Area Search capability
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Also provided are an Initial Spares Package (ISP) and Readiness Spares Package (RSP) to support 3400 Flight Hours for a three (3) year period, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$339 million.

The Netherlands is one of the major political and economic powers in Europe and NATO and an ally of the United States in the pursuit of peace and stability. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist the Netherlands to develop and maintain a strong and ready self-defense capability. This potential sale will enhance the intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) capability of the Dutch military in support of national, NATO, UN-mandated, and other coalition operations. Commonality of ISR capabilities will greatly increase interoperability between U.S and Dutch military and peacekeeping forces.

The Netherlands requests this capability to provide for the defense of its deployed troops, regional security, and interoperability with the U.S. The proposed sale will improve the Netherland's capability to meet current and future threats by providing improved ISR coverage that promotes increased battlefield situational awareness, anticipates enemy intent, augments combat search and rescue, and provides ground troop support. The Netherlands will have no difficulty absorbing this additional capability into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor will be General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc. in San Diego, California. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale may require U.S. contractor representatives to make multiple trips to the Netherlands and potentially to deployed locations to provide initial launch, recovery, and maintenance support.

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

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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 MQ-9 Block 5 Reaper is a longendurance, high-altitude, Remotely Piloted Aircraft that can be used for surveillance, military reconnaissance, and targeting missions. Real-time missions are flown under the control of a pilot in a Ground Control Station (GCS). A data link is maintained that uplinks control commands and downlinks video with telemetry data. The data link can be a C-Band Line-of-Sight (LOS) communication or Ku-Band Over-the-Horizon Satellite Communication (SATCOM). Payload imagery and data are downlinked to a GCS. Pilots can change mission parameters as often as required. The aircraft can also be handed off to other strategically placed ground- or sea-based GCSs. The MQ-9 air vehicle is a Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) Category 1 system, designed to carry 800 pounds of internal payload with maximum fuel and 3000 pounds of external payload. It can carry multiple mission payloads aloft with a range of 1800km. The MQ-9 will be configured for the following payloads: Electro-Optical/Infrared (EO/IR), Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR), and laser designators. The MQ-9 systems will include the following components:

a. The GCS can be either fixed or mobile. The fixed GCS is enclosed in a customer-specified shelter. It incorporates workstations that allow operators to control and monitor the aircraft, as well as record and exploit downlinked payload data. The mobile GCS allows operators to perform the same functions and is installed on a mobile trailer. Workstations in either GCS can be tailored to meet customer requirements. The GCS, technical data, and documents are Unclassified.

b. The Lynx IIe family includes the AN/APY-8 Block 20 and AN/DPY-1 Block 30 Synthetic Aperture Radar and Ground Moving Target Radar systems, which provide all-weather surveillance, tracking and targeting for military and commercial customers from manned and unmanned vehicles. The AN/DPY-1's three- meter resolution can image up to a 10-km wide swath for wide-area surveillance. The Lynx IIe-9 (exportable) SAR/GMTI radar system and technical data/documents are Unclassified.

c. The Raytheon AN/DAS-1 Multi-Spectral Targeting System (MTS-B) is a multi-use infrared (IR), electro-optical (EO), and laser detecting ranging-tracking set, developed and produced for use by the U.S. Air Force on the MQ–9 Reaper. This advanced EO and IR system provides long-range surveillance, high altitude, target acquisition, tracking, range finding, and laser designation for all tri-service and NATO laser-guided munitions.

- d. The Honeywell H-764 Adaptive Configurable Embedded Global Positioning System/Inertial Guidance Unit (EGI) contains the Force 524D GPS Receiver card with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM). The Force 524D is a 24channel SAASM based GPS receiver with precise positioning service capability built upon Trimble's next generation GPS technology. The Force 524D retains backward compatibility with the proven Force 5GS while adding new functionality to interface with the digital antenna electronics to significantly improve anti-jam performance. The host platform can select the radio frequency of digital antenna electronics interface. In the digital mode, the Force 524D is capable of controlling up to 16 independent
- 2. The MQ–9 Reaper Remotely Piloted Aircraft is Unclassified. The highest level of classified information required for training, operation, and maintenance is Secret.
- 3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware or software in this proposed sale, 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.
- 4. A determination has been made that the recipient country can provide 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.
- 5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of the Netherlands.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program—Short-Term Projects

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education. **ACTION:** Notice.

Overview Information:

Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program—Short-Term Projects

Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.021A.

DATES:

Applications Available: February 19, 2015.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 23, 2015.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad (Fulbright-Hays GPA) Program supports overseas projects in training, research, and curriculum development in modern foreign languages and area studies for groups of teachers, students, and faculty engaged in a common endeavor. Short-term projects may include seminars, curriculum development, or group research or study.

Priorities: This notice contains one absolute priority, three competitive preference priorities, and one invitational priority. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(ii), the absolute priority is from the regulations for this program (34 CFR 664.32). Competitive Preference Priorities 1 and 2 are from the regulations for this program (34 CFR 664.32), and Competitive Preference Priority 3 is from the notice of final priorities published in the **Federal Register** on September 24, 2010 (75 FR 59050).

Absolute Priority: For FY 2015 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

Specific Geographic Regions of the World.

A group project that focuses on one or more of the following geographic regions of the world: Africa, East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, the Western Hemisphere (Central and South America, Mexico, and the Caribbean), East Central Europe and Eurasia, and the Near East.

Competitive Preference Priorities: Within this absolute priority, we give competitive preference to applications that address one or more of the following three priorities.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), for FY 2015, we award an additional two points to an application that meets Competitive Preference Priority 1; up to an additional three points to an application that meets Competitive Preference Priority 2; and up to an additional five points to an application that meets Competitive Preference Priority 3. An applicant can address one, two, or all three of the competitive preference priorities. We can therefore award up to an additional 10 total points to an application, depending on how well the application meets competitive preference priorities 1, 2, and 3.

Note: In order to receive preference under these competitive preference priorities, the applicant must identify the priority or priorities that it believes it meets and provide documentation supporting its claims.

These priorities are:

Competitive Preference Priority 1: Specific Geographic Regions of the World (2 Points).

Applications that focus on one or more of the following geographic regions of the world: sub-Saharan Africa (Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mayotte, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of the Congo, Réunion, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe); South Asia (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka); and Southeast Asia (Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam).

Competitive Preference Priority 2: Substantive Training and Thematic Focus on Priority Languages (Up to 3 Points).

Applications that propose short-term projects abroad that provide substantive training and thematic focus on any of the 78 priority languages selected from the U.S. Department of Education's list of Less Commonly Taught Languages: Akan (Twi-Fante), Albanian, Amharic,