

paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. Sec. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, CNCS is soliciting comments concerning its proposed renewal of the National Service Trust Voucher and Payment Request Form/National Service Trust Manual Payment Request Form (OMB #3045-0014); which is used to make payments to repay qualified student loans and to pay for the cost of attending eligible post-secondary educational institutions and approved School-to-Work programs. Prior to making the payments, CNCS will review information from the forms and compare it to information taken from the AmeriCorps members' education award account(s) to ensure that the payments meet the requirements of the law. This information collection is not required to be considered for obtaining grant funding support.

Copies of the information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by April 12, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection activity, by any of the following methods:

(1) By mail sent to: Corporation for National and Community Service, National Service Trust; Attention: Nahid Jarrett, Trust Officer, 250 E Street SW., Suite 300, Washington, DC, 20525.

(2) By hand delivery or by courier to the CNCS mailroom at the mail address given in paragraph (1) above, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

(3) By fax to: 202-606-3484, Attention: Nahid Jarrett.

(4) Electronically through www.regulations.gov.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call 1-800-833-3722

between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nahid Jarrett, 202-606-6753, or by email at njarrett@cns.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CNCS is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of CNCS, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are expected to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses).

Background

CNCS supports programs that provide opportunities for individuals who want to become involved in national service. The service opportunities cover a wide range of activities over varying periods of time. Upon successfully completing an agreed-upon term of service in an approved AmeriCorps program, an AmeriCorps member receives an education award.

The National Service Trust is the office within CNCS that administers the education award program. This involves tracking the service for all AmeriCorps members, ensuring that certain requirements of CNCS enabling legislation are met, and processing school and loan payments that the members authorize both manually and electronically through the MyAmeriCorps portal. With this form AmeriCorps members request Segal Education Award payments, schools and lenders certify their eligibility, and both parties certify certain legal requirements.

Current Action

CNCS seeks to renew the current information collection request.

After an AmeriCorps member completes a period of national service, the individual receives an education award that can be used to pay against qualified student loans or pay for

current post-secondary educational expenses. The *National Service Trust Voucher and Payment Request Form/National Service Trust Manual Payment Request Form* is the document that a member uses to access his or her account in the National Service Trust.

The information collection will otherwise be used in the same manner as the existing application. CNCS also seeks to continue using the current application until the revised application is approved by OMB. The current application is due to expire on 03/31/2016.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Agency: CNCS.

Title: National Service Trust Voucher and Payment Request Form/National Service Trust Manual Payment Request Form.

OMB Number: 3045-0014.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Individuals using a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award, authorized school officials and qualified loan servicers.

Total Respondents: 162,000.

Frequency: One or more per education award.

Average Time per Response: Averages 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 13,500.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 5, 2016.

Maggie Taylor-Coates,

Chief of Trust Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 16-05]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, DoD.

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:

Sarah A. Ragan or Heather N. Harwell,
DSCA/LMO, (703) 604-1546/(703) 607-
5339.

The following is a copy of a letter to
the Speaker of the House of
Representatives, Transmittal 16-05 with
attached Policy Justification and
Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: February 9, 2016.

Aaron Siegel,

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison
Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY**

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The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

DEC 16 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. 16-05, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$416 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release 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



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Transmittal No. 16-05

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

(i) *Prospective Purchaser:* Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO)

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment*	\$333 million
Other	\$ 83 million
Total	\$416 million

(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:*

Major Defense Equipment (MDE) includes:

Thirteen (13) MK 15 Phalanx Block 1B Baseline 2 Close-in Weapons System (CIWS) Guns

Eight (8) CIWS Block 1 Baseline 0 to Block 1B Baseline 2 upgrade kits

Two-hundred and sixty thousand (260,000) Rounds of 20mm MK 244 MOD 0 Armor-Piercing Discarding Sabots (APDS)

Non -MDE includes:

20mm dummy rounds; spares to support the installation, maintenance and operation of the MK 15 Phalanx Block 1 B Baseline 2 systems; classified and unclassified publications; software; training; technical assistance; installations; other technical assistance; and logistical support.

(iv) *Military Department:* NAVY (LHO)

(v) *Prior related cases, if any:*

TW-P-LFF, TW-P-LDA; P&A TW-PLHO, \$320.2M, 10 October 2014.

(vi) *Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:* None

(vii) *Sensitivity to Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:* See Attached Annex.

(viii) *Date Report delivered to Congress:* 16 December 2015

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO)—MK 15 Phalanx Block 1B Baseline 2 CIWS Guns, Upgrade Kits, Ammunition, and Support

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States has requested a possible sale of:

Thirteen (13) MK 15 Phalanx Block 1B Baseline 2 Close-in Weapons System (CIWS) Guns

Eight (8) CIWS Block 1 Baseline 0 to Block 1B Baseline 2 upgrade kits

Two-hundred and sixty thousand (260,000) Rounds of 20mm MK 244

MOD 0 Armor Piercing Discarding Sabots (APDS)

Also included in this possible sale are: 20mm dummy rounds; spares to support the installation, maintenance and operation of the MK 15 Phalanx Block 1B Baseline 2 systems; classified and unclassified publications; software; training; technical assistance; installations; other technical assistance; and logistical support. The estimated cost is \$416 million.

This sale is consistent with United States law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and enhance its defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

The proposed sale will improve the recipient's capability in current and future defensive efforts. The recipient will use the enhanced capability as a deterrent to regional threats and to strengthen homeland defense. The recipient will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems Company in Tucson, Arizona. The purchaser has requested an offset of forty percent. At this time, agreements are undetermined and will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale should not require the permanent assignment of additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives outside the United States.

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

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Annex

Item No. vii

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. Purchaser currently has forty-two (42) MK 15 Phalanx Close-In Weapon Systems (CIWS) Guns of various configurations, including Block 0, Block 1 (Baselines 0, 1 and 2), Block 1A, and Block 1B Baseline 0. Purchaser will be upgrading eight (8) of its lower

configurations as well as procuring thirteen (13) additional systems, all of which will have an end configuration of Block 1B Baseline 2 configuration. The main characteristics of the MK 15 Phalanx Block 1 B Baseline 2 CIWS Gun are:

a. A Radar Upgrade that provides increased sensitivity on sea-skimming threats and improved low-observable performance.

b. A stabilized thermal imager and an automatic acquisition video tracker that were introduced with the Block 1B Baseline 0 configuration. These components provide the capability to engage small, high speed, maneuvering surface craft and low, slow aircraft and helicopters. The thermal imager also improves performance against Anti-Ship Cruise Missiles by carrying out more accurate angle tracking information to the fire control computer. Purchaser has already been provided this capability with the Block 1B Baseline 0 previously procured via an FMS case.

c. The Optimized Gun Barrel that was also introduced with the Block 1 B Baseline 0 and provides improved dispersion performance of the ammunition when the system is fired. This gun barrel also permits use of the MK 244 ammunition, an enhanced lethal cartridge capable of penetrating harder warheads in use today. Purchaser has already been provided this capability with the Block 1 B Baseline 0 previously procured via an FMS case.

2. Although the MK 15 Phalanx Block 1B Baseline 2 CIWS Gun is considered state-of-the-art technology, there is no Critical Program Information associated with the MK 15 Phalanx CIWS hardware, technical documentation, or software. The highest classification of the hardware to be exported is UNCLASSIFIED. The highest classification of the technical documentation to be exported is CONFIDENTIAL; there is only one CONFIDENTIAL technical manual that will be exported, which is required for the operation of the MK 15 Phalanx CIWS. The highest classification of software to be exported is UNCLASSIFIED. The MK 15 Phalanx CIWS meets Anti-Tampering requirements. Only Organizational-Level and Intermediate-Level maintenance capability will be exported. The Maintenance Plan for the MK 15 CIWS limits Intermediate-Level maintenance to the system's Gun and Ammunition Handling System.

3. 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.

4. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the recipient.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 16-06]

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:

Sarah A. Ragan or Heather N. Harwell, DSCA/LMO, (703) 604-1546/(703) 607-5339.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 16-06 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: February 8, 2016.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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