

Transmittal No. 00-12**Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act****Annex
Item No. vi****(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The Joint Direct Attack Munitions is actually a guidance kit that converts existing unguided free-fall bombs into precision-guided "smart" munitions. By adding a new tail section containing an Inertial Navigation System (INS) guidance/Global Positioning System (GPS) guidance to existing inventories of MK-84 bombs, the cost effective JDAM provides highly accurate weapon delivery in any "flyable" weather. The INS, using updates from the GPS, helps guide the bomb to the target via the use of movable tail fins.

2. Weapon accuracy is dependent on target coordinates and present position as entered into the guidance control unit. After weapon release, movable tail fins guide the weapon to the target coordinates. In addition to the tail kit, other elements in the overall system that are essential for successful employment include:

**Access to accurate target coordinates.
INS/GPS capability
Operational Test and Evaluation Plan.**

3. A determination has been made that Israel 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****Seventh Annual National Security
Education Program (NSEP)
Institutional Grants Competition**

AGENCY: Department of Defense,
National Security Education Program
(NSEP).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The NSEP announces the opening of its Seventh Annual Competition for Grants to U.S. Institutions of Higher Education.

DATES: The 2000 NSEP Grants Competition begins on Friday, February 4, 2000. [Preliminary Proposals are due Monday, April 10, 2000.]

ADDRESSES: Grants Solicitations (application and guidelines) will be available and may be downloaded from the NSEP home page (<http://www.ndu.edu/nsep>) beginning Friday, February 4, 2000. As alternate methods, you may obtain copies of the solicitation package by: writing to NSEP, Institutional Grants, Rosslyn P.O. Box 20010, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1210, Arlington, VA 22209-2248; by facsimile request nsepo@ndu.edu

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Anne Spreen, Institutional grants Director, National Security Education Program, 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1210, Arlington, VA 22209-2248; (703) 696-1991; Electronic mail address: spreenc@ndu.edu

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Corps of Engineers, Department of the
Army****Intent To Prepare a Draft
Environmental Impact Statement
(DEIS) for the Eastern Arkansas
Region Comprehensive Study, Bayou
Meto Basin, AR, General Reevaluation**

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
Department of Defense

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this general reevaluation is to develop a plan that

provides flood control, agricultural water supply, groundwater protection and conservation, waterfowl management, and environmental enhancement and restoration. The Grand Prairie Region and Bayou Meto Basin, Arkansas, flood-control project was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1950 and deauthorized by the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986. This project was reauthorized by the WRDA of 1996 with an expanded scope that includes groundwater protection and conservation, agricultural water supply, and waterfowl management. Language in the Fiscal Year 1998 Appropriations Act directed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to initiate a reevaluation of the Bayou Meto Basin from within available funds. The appropriations acts for fiscal year 1999 and 2000 provided funding to continue to reevaluation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ken Bright, telephone (901) 544-0745, CEMVM-PM, 167 North Main Street, Room B-202, Memphis, TN 38103-1894. Questions regarding the DEIS may be directed to Mr. Edward Lambert, telephone (901) 544-0707, CEMVM-PM-E.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Proposed Action

The Eastern Arkansas Region Comprehensive Study, completed in 1990, indicated that a feasible plan of improvement for agricultural water supply and conservation exists for the Bayou Meto Basin, Arkansas. The Bayou Meto Basin Project general reevaluation will focus on developing a plan of improvement that will meet the flood control and water supply needs of the project area while providing substantial net environmental benefits. Preliminary studies indicate the a combination of measures of needed to meet the water supply needs of the project area. Identified water-supply components are (1) water conservation (increased irrigation efficiencies), (2) groundwater protection and conservation, (3) additional on-farm storage, and (4) a system to import surface water from the Arkansas River. Irrigation and flood-control features will be designed to avoid or minimize adverse environmental impacts; alternative plan designs will include recommendations from state and Federal natural resource agencies. Moreover, a major emphasis will be placed on the formulation of environmental project features. Measures to create and/or restore fish and wildfish habitat (including waterfowl habitat), improve water quality, and protect existing surface

water and groundwater resources will be integral components of all alternative plans. The project area encompasses 779,109 acres between the Arkansas and White rivers in east central Arkansas; it includes portions of Arkansas, Jefferson, Lonoke, and Prairie counties.

2. Alternatives

Alternatives will be developed that provide flood control, agricultural water supply, groundwater conservation and protection, waterfowl management, and environmental enhancement and restoration. Comparisons will be made among alternative plans, and alternative plans will be compared to the "no action" alternative.

3. Scoping Process

An intensive public involvement program has been initiated and will be maintained throughout the study to (1) solicit input from individuals and interested parties so that problems, needs, and opportunities within the project area can be properly identified and addressed and (2) provide status updates to concerned organizations and the general public. Affected Federal, state, and local agencies; affected Indian tribes; and other interested private organizations and parties are encouraged to participate in the scoping process. Significant issues to be analyzed include potential impacts (negative and positive) to groundwater and surface water resources, fisheries, water quality, wetlands, wildlife, endangered species, cultural resources, and agricultural lands. Two public scoping meetings will be held within the project area. The first scoping meeting will be held on February 15, 2000, 5:30 p.m., at the England Elementary School, 400 East DeWitt, England, Arkansas. The second meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2000, 5:30 p.m., at the Lonoke Primary School, 800 Lincoln Street, Lonoke, Arkansas. It is anticipated that the DEIS will be available for public review during the fall of 2002. A public meeting will be held during the review period to receive comments and address questions concerning the DEIS.

Dated: January 26, 2000.

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Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Mining Activities Associated With Hobet Mining, Inc.'s (Hobet) Spruce No. 1 Surface Mine Located Near Blair, in Logan County, West Virginia

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the Huntington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), in cooperation with several Federal and State cooperating agencies will prepare (in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act) an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS will evaluate potentially significant impacts to the natural, physical, and human environment as a result of the proposed mining activities associated with Hobet's Spruce No. 1 Surface Mine.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal to Teresa Hughes, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, Attn: Regulatory Branch-OR-FS, 502 8th Street, Huntington, West Virginia, 25701. Telephone (304) 529-5710 or electronic mail at Teresa.D.Huges@Lrh01.usace.army.mil. Requests to be placed on the mailing list should also be sent to this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael D. Gheen, Chief of Regulatory Branch, Attn: Regulatory Branch-OR-F, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington district, 502 8th Street, Huntington, West Virginia 25701, Telephone (304) 529-5487 or electronic mail at Michael.D.Gheen@Lrh01.usace.army.mil

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Corps invites comments and suggestions regarding potential effects of the proposed action, including the regulatory issues and significant environmental effects to be addressed in the EIS, to promote open communication and better decision making. All persons and organizations that have an interest in the proposed project, including affected Federal, state and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties, are urged to participate in this NEPA environmental analysis process. Written comments from the public regarding the