

Transmittal No. 03-32

**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 Modernized Target Acquisition and Designation Sight/Pilot Night Vision Sensor (M-TADS/M-PNVS) is an enhanced version of its predecessor, the TADS/PNVS. The M-TADS will provide second-generation day, night, and limited adverse weather target information, as well as night navigation capabilities. The M-PNVS will provide second-generation thermal imaging that permits safer nap-of-the-earth flight to, from and within the battle area, while the M-TADS provides the co-pilot gunner with improved search, detection, recognition, and designation by means of Direct View Optics (DVO), I2 television, second-generation Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) sighting systems that may be used singly or in combinations. The hardware and releasable technical manuals are unclassified.

2. Sensitive technological information and/or restricted information pertaining to the M-TADS/M-PNVS will not be included in the export version transferred to the Netherlands. Reverse engineering is not a major concern if the hardware, publications, software, etc, are lost to a technologically advanced or competent adversary.

3. A determination has been made that the Netherlands 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**

[Transmittal No. 03-34]

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. J. Hurd, DSCA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 03-34 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: September 5, 2003.

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

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

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In reply refer to:
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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 (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 03-34, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Jordan for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$370 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,


Richard J. Millies
Deputy Director

Attachments

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

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- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** Jordan
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**

Major Defense Equipment*	\$210 million
Other	<u>\$160 million</u>
TOTAL	\$370 million
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 17 F-16A Mid-Life Upgrade kits, 12 F100 engine PW-220E modification kits, 17 Falcon UP and Falcon STAR F-16A/B structural upgrade kits, spares, program management, publications and technical documentation, support equipment/services, and U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related requirements to ensure full program supportability.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (SMF, Amendment 3)
- (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 Annex under separate cover
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 3SEP03

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Jordan – F-16A Mid-Life Upgrade Kits

The Government of Jordan has requested a possible sale of 17 F-16A Mid-Life Upgrade kits, 12 F100 engine PW-220E modification kits, 17 Falcon UP and Falcon STAR F-16A/B structural upgrade kits, spares, program management, publications and technical documentation, support equipment/services, and U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related requirements to ensure full program supportability. The estimated cost is \$370 million.

Proposed sale will enhance the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a key regional partner who has proven to be a vital force for political stability and peace in the Middle East.

The modifications and upgrades in this proposed sale will permit Jordan's new F-16 squadron to operate safely, and provide a core of improved aircraft capable of defending Jordan for many years. Jordan can easily absorb and use these aircraft within its existing structure. Jordan currently flies and supports up to 16 similar F-16 aircraft.

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

The principal contractors will be Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company of Fort Worth, Texas and Pratt and Whitney Aviation of East Hartford, Connecticut. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment U.S. Government and contractor representatives. Details and the extent of this requirement will be negotiated with the customer.

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

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1. Many aspects of the modification and upgrade package for Jordanian F-16 aircraft include systems previously released to Jordan, such as the F100-PW-220 engine, AN/ALR-69 radar warning receiver, the AN/APG-66V2 radar, the Have Quick II radio, and the fly-by-wire flight control system. The Mid-Life Upgrade (MLU) installation will introduce evolutionary improvements including an upgraded APG-66 radar, advanced Identification Friend-or-Foe system, Global Positioning System (GPS), and provision for targeting and navigation pods. The most significant new technology introduced with MLU installation in Jordan is capability to employ AIM-120 medium-range air-to-air missiles.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain specific knowledge of these hardware and software elements, the adversary might be able to develop countermeasures or counter-tactics that could reduce weapon system effectiveness.

3. A determination has been made that Jordan can provide substantially 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Defense Science Board**

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Patriot Systems Performance will meet in closed session on October 1-3, 2003, in Huntsville, AL; October 29-30, 2003; December 10-11, 2003; and January 7-8, 2004, at SAIC, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA. The Task Force will assess the recent performance of the Patriot System in OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM from deployment through use across the threat spectrum.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At

the meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will: assess logistical, doctrine, training, personnel management, operational and material performance; identify those lessons learned which are applicable to the development of the Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS); and assess the current planned spiral development of the Patriot to ensure early incorporation of fixes discovered in the lessons learned process.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meetings will be closed to the public.

Dated: September 5, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Meeting of the Technology and Privacy Advisory Committee (TAPAC)**

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a forthcoming open meeting of the Technology and Privacy Advisory Committee. The purpose of the meeting is for presentations of interest and discussion concerning the legal and policy considerations implicated by the application of advanced information technologies to counter-terrorism and counter-intelligence missions.

DATES: Monday, September 29, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday September 30, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Ritz Carlton, 1250 South Hayes St., Arlington, VA 22202, <http://www.ritzcarlton.com>, 703-415-5000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Visit the Committee's Web site at <http://www.sainc.com/tapac>, or contact Ms. Lisa Davis, Executive Director, Technology and Privacy Advisory