

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 24, 2003.

Title, Form, and OMB Number: Air Force Research Laboratory Market Research Survey; OMB Number 0701–(To be determined.).

Type of Request: New Collection.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 500

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 125.

Needs and Uses: This survey will serve multiple purposes. It will gauge government, industry, and academia's awareness of, familiarity with, attitudes about, and feelings toward the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL). It will also gauge what the AFRL Technology Horizons readership thinks of the magazine and the AFRL. The survey asks what they currently know about the laboratory and their experiences with various outreach programs, such as technology transfer, small business innovation research, independent research and analysis, and dual use science and technology. The survey also asks magazine readers to identify strengths and weaknesses of the magazine to guide the AFRL in future changes to the magazine to better meet readers' needs. The survey will allow for comparisons of data to better target communication efforts to effectively

communicate AFRL information to the public. Findings from these surveys of the civilian population will be compared with similar data to be gathered from the internal AFRL leadership at approximately the same time, providing a valuable head-to-head comparison of civilian and AFRL leadership perceptions of how well the AFRL does its job.

Affected Public: Business or Other For-Profit.

Frequency: Biennially.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Ms. Jacqueline Davis.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Davis, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202–4302.

Dated: October 17, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 03–23]

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 03–23 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: October 10, 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

24 SEP 2003

In reply refer to:
I-03/008708


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. 03-23 and under separate cover the classified offset certificate thereto. This Transmittal concerns the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$775 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media of the unclassified portion of this Transmittal.

Reporting of Offset Agreements in accordance with Section 36(b)(1)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, requires a description of any offset agreement with respect to this proposed sale. Section 36(g) of the AECA, as amended, provides that reported information related to offset agreements be treated as confidential information in accordance with section 12(c) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App. 2411(c)). Information about offsets for this proposed sale is described in the enclosed confidential attachment.

Sincerely,


TOME H. WALTERS, JR.
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USAF
DIRECTOR

Attachments

Separate Cover:
Offset certificate

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

Transmittal No. 03-23

**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:** Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
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| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 86 million |
| Other | <u>\$689 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$775 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 102 Multifunctional Information Distribution Systems (MIDS)/Low Volume Terminals, 20 MIDS On Ships Terminals, support and test equipment, engineering technical services, supply support, operation and maintenance training, documentation, and program management support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Navy (GMK, Amendment 1)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:** FMS case GMK – \$74 million – 20Dec02
- (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 attached
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 24 SEP 2003

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION**Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States – Multifunctional Information Distribution Systems/Low Volume Terminals**

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States has requested a possible sale of 102 Multifunctional Information Distribution Systems (MIDS)/Low Volume Terminals, 20 MIDS On Ships Terminals, support and test equipment, engineering technical services, supply support, operation and maintenance training, documentation, and program management support. The estimated cost is \$775 million.

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

The Advanced Tactical Data Link systems will improve and integrate the recipient's information flow and display of tactical aircraft, surface ships, and ground stations. The recipient can absorb these systems as it replaces existing independent systems and provides more efficient and less costly management of defensive forces.

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

The prime contractor, either Lockheed Martin of Reston, Virginia or Northrop Grumman of St. Paul, Minnesota, will be selected through a competitive procurement. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

It is estimated that during implementation of this proposed sale a number of U.S. Government and contractor representatives will be assigned to the recipient or travel there intermittently during the program. Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of numerous contractor representatives to perform various tasks during the period of 2004-2009. As the program is defined through consultations between U.S. Government/contractor and recipient program representatives, specific numbers and types of qualified personnel for the many areas of this program will be defined.

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 Multifunctional Information Distribution System (MIDS)/Low Volume Terminals and MIDS On Ship Terminal hardware, publications, performance specifications, operational capability, parameters, vulnerabilities to countermeasures, and software documentation are classified Confidential. The classified information to be provided consists of that which is necessary for the operation, maintenance, and repair (through intermediate level) of the data link terminal, installed systems, and related software.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, 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 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.