

the HIRWG. This minority report is now being submitted for public comment.

DATES: Comments on this minority report must be submitted by 5 p.m. EDT on September 15, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The Minority Report of the HIRWG will be available on the NOAA Science Advisory Board Web site at http://www.sab.noaa.gov/reports/HIRWG_Minority_Report_0806.pdf. For reference, the preliminary report may also be viewed at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov/Reports/Reports.html>.

The public is encouraged to submit comments electronically to noaa.sab.comments2@noaa.gov. For individuals who do not have access to a computer, comments may be submitted in writing to: NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB) c/o Dr. Cynthia Decker, Silver Spring Metro Center Bldg 3 Room 11117, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Cynthia Decker, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, Rm. 11117, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-713-9121, Fax: 301-713-3515, E-mail: Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov) during normal business hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, or visit the NOAA SAB Web site at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The report of the HIRWG is composed pursuant to the request from the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to the SAB to conduct an external review of NOAA's hurricane intensity research and development enterprise. This review addresses questions and proposes recommendations regarding the appropriateness of the mix of scientific activities conducted and/or sponsored by NOAA to its mission and on the organization of NOAA hurricane intensity research and science enterprise.

The minority report of the HIRWG has been drafted to provide additional viewpoints to the majority report of the HIRWG. The minority report provides alternative ideas regarding modeling and prediction activities, observations and data collection, laboratory experiments, and NOAA's organization in relation to hurricane intensity research and development.

The SAB is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with the responsibility to advise the Under Secretary on long- and short-term strategies for research, education, and application of science to resource management and environmental assessment and prediction.

NOAA welcomes all comments on the content of the minority report. We also request comments on any inconsistencies perceived within the report and possible omissions of important topics or issues. For any shortcoming noted within the draft report, please propose specific remedies. This minority report is being issued for comment only and is not intended for interim use. Suggested changes will be incorporated where appropriate, and a final report will be posted on the SAB Web site.

Please follow these instructions for preparing and submitting comments. Using the format guidance described below will facilitate the processing of reviewer comments and assure that all comments are appropriately considered. Please provide background information about yourself on the first page of your comments: your name(s), organization(s), area(s) of expertise, mailing address(es), telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address(es). Overview comments on the section should follow your background information and should be numbered. Comments that are specific to particular pages, paragraphs or lines of the section should follow any overview comments and should identify the page numbers to

which they apply. Please number all pages and place your name at the top of each page.

Dated: August 9, 2006.

Mark E. Brown,

Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 06-44]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification; Republication

Editorial Note: FR Doc. 06-6727 was originally published at page 44634 in the issue of Monday, August 7, 2006. In that publication a graphic was improperly substituted. The corrected document is republished below in its entirety.

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/DBO/ADM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 06-44 with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: August 1, 2006.

C.R. Choate,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

27 JUL 2006

In reply refer to:

I-06/008213

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6501

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. 06-44, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Spain for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$73 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard J. Millies".

Richard J. Millies
Deputy Director

Enclosures:

1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification

Same ltr to:

House
Committee on International Relations
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations

Senate
Committee on Foreign Relations
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations

Transmittal No. 06-44

**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:** Spain
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$54 million |
| Other | <u>\$19 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$73 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 43 T55-GA-714A Turbine Engines, modification and fielding kits, test equipment, technical assistance, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Army (VMG)
- (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:** None
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 27 JUL 2006

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Spain – Turbine Engines

The Government of Spain has requested a possible sale of 43 T55-GA-714A Turbine Engines, modification and fielding kits, test equipment, technical assistance, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$73 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the military capabilities of Spain and furthering standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces.

Spain needs these engines to replace those used in the CH-47 Chinook aircraft supporting coalition operations. The proposed sale will enhance Spain's ability to continue to engage in coalition warfare along with the U.S. Army. Spain will have no difficulty absorbing these additional engines into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Honeywell International of Phoenix Arizona. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Spain.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 06-43]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification; Republishing

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ACTION: Notice.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/DBO/ADM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 06-43 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: August 1, 2006.

C.R. Choate,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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