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IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the

burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: June 17, 2008.

Susan K. Fawcett,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 08-42]

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. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601-3740

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 08-42 with attached transmittal, and policy justification.

June 16, 2008.

Patricia L. Toppings,

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

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

JUN 09 2008

In reply refer to:
USP003039-08

**The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6501**

Dear Madam 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. 08-42, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Israel for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$190 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, appearing to read "R. J. Millies".

**Richard J. Millies
Deputy Director**

Enclosures:

- 1. Transmittal**
- 2. Policy Justification**

Same ltr to:

**House
Committee on Foreign Affairs
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations**

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

Transmittal No. 08-42**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:** Israel
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
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| Major Defense Equipment* | \$150 million |
| Other | \$ <u>40 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$190 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 25 T-6A Texan aircraft, Global Positioning System (GPS) with CMA-4124 GNSSA card and Embedded GPS/Inertial Navigation System (INS) spares, ferry maintenance, tanker support, aircraft ferry services, site survey, unit level trainer, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (SAB)
- (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:** JUN 09 2008

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Israel – T-6A Texan Aircraft

The Government of Israel has requested a possible sale of 25 T-6A Texan aircraft, Global Positioning System (GPS) with CMA-4124 GNSSA card and Embedded GPS/Inertial Navigation System (INS) spares, ferry maintenance, tanker support, aircraft ferry services, site survey, unit level trainer, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$190 million.

Israel's strategic position makes it vital to the United States' interests throughout the Middle East. Our policy has been to promote Middle East peace, support the Israeli commitment to peace with other regional Arab countries, enhance regional stability and promote Israeli readiness and self-sufficiency. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist Israel to develop and maintain a strong and ready self-defense capability. This proposed sale is consistent with those objectives.

The Israeli Air Force's (IAF) fleet of Zukit aircraft was produced in the early 1960s. The Zukit's high fuel and maintenance costs, and low mission capable rates led to the IAF's decision to procure new trainer aircraft. The T-6A aircraft will reduce training fuel requirements by 66%. The IAF will use these new aircraft to modernize its air force and to improve operational capability in coalition operations and exercises, and contribute to a modern air defense network for the legitimate defense of Israel. Israel will have no difficulty absorbing these aircraft into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractors will be:

Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, Wichita, Kansas
Pratt & Whitney Corporation, Quebec, Canada and Bridgeport, West Virginia
Martin Baker, Middlesex, United Kingdom
Hartzel Propeller, Pique, Ohio
Canadian Marconi, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
L-3 Vertex, Madison, Mississippi

Offset agreements associated with this proposed sale are expected, but at this time the specific offset agreements are undetermined and will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple trips to Israel involving U.S. Government and contractor representatives for technical reviews/support, program management, and training over a period of up to 15 years.

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