Signed at Washington, DC, this 8th day of July 2010.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: Vol. 75, No. 130, Thursday July 8, 2010, page 39209.

ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesday July 14, 2010.

CHANGES MEETING: Agenda Item 3 Cancelled.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504–7948.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814 (301) 504–7923.

Dated: July 12, 2010.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2010–17592 Filed 7–15–10; 11:15 am]

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, July 21, 2010; 10:30 a.m.—12 Noon.

PLACE: Hearing Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East West Highway,

Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compliance Status Report

The Commission staff will brief the Commission on the status of compliance matters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504–7948.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 504–7923.

Dated: July 13, 2010.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2010-17593 Filed 7-15-10; 11:15 am]

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, July 21, 2010, 10 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Hearing Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Commission Meeting—Open to the Public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Decisional Matter: Public Accommodation—Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act.

A live webcast of the Meeting can be viewed at http://www.cpsc.gov/webcast.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504–7948.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 504–7923. Dated: July 13, 2010.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2010-17595 Filed 7-15-10; 11:15 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 10-05, 10-11, 10-18, 10-21 and 10-29]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notifications

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation

Agency, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of five section 36(b)(1) arms sales notifications 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following are copies of letters to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 10–05, 10–11, 10–18, 10–21 and 10–29 with associated attachments.

Dated: July 14, 2010.

Mitchell S. Bryman,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

Transmittal No. 10-05

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 10–05 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and sensitivity of technology.

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JUN 3 0 2010

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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. 10-05, concerning
the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Oman
for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$54 million. After this letter is
delivered to your office, we plan to issue a press statement to notify the public of this
proposed sale.

Jeffrey A. Wierlnga Vice Admiral, USN Director

- 1. Transmittal
- 2. Policy Justification
- 3. Sensitivity of Technology
- 4. Regional Balance (Classified Document Provided Under Separate Cover)

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: Oman

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$ 4 million
Other \$ 50 million
TOTAL \$ 54 million

- (iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: logistics support and training for two (2) C-130J-30 aircraft being procured through a Direct Commercial Sale, 2 AN/AAR-47 Missile Approach Warning Systems, 2 AN/ALE-47 Countermeasure Dispenser Sets, 2 AN/ALR-56M Radar Warning Receivers, communication equipment, software support, repair and return, installation, aircraft ferry and refueling support, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and related elements of logistical and program support.
- (iv) Military Department: Air Force (QAL)
- (v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None
- (vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None
- (vii) <u>Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services</u>
 <u>Proposed to be Sold</u>: See Annex Attached
- (viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: JUN 3 0 2010
- * as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

Oman - Logistics support and training for 2 C-130J-30

The Government of Oman has requested a possible sale of logistics support and training for two (2) C-130J-30 aircraft being procured through a Direct Commercial Sale, 2 AN/AAR-47 Missile Approach Warning Systems, 2 AN/ALE-47 Countermeasure Dispenser Sets, 2 AN/ALR-56M Radar Warning Receivers, communication equipment, software support, repair and return, installation, aircraft ferry and refueling support, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$54 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that has been, and continues to be, an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale will provide Oman the capability to meet current and future regional threats. These aircraft will improve Oman's airlift capacity to transport equipment and troops in the region, and will support U.S interests. The Royal Air Force of Oman currently operates 3 C-130H aircraft and will have no difficulty absorbing these aircraft into its armed forces.

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

Participating contractors will be determined at a later date. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require annual trips to Oman involving up to ten U.S. Government and ten contractor representatives for technical reviews/support, and program management for a period of approximately six years.

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

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 AN/ALR-56M Radar Warning Receiver (RWR) is designed to detect incoming radar signals, identify and characterize those signals to a specific threat, and alert the aircrew through the Tactical Electronic Warfare System display. The system consists of external antennae mounted on the fuselage and wingtips. The solid state ALR-56M is based on a digitally-controlled, dual channel receiver that scans within a specific frequency spectrum and is capable of adjusting to threat changes by modifications to the software. The RWR will not be provided with In-Country Reprogramming capability. The hardware is Unclassified and the software is Secret. Technical data and documentation to be provided are Unclassified.
- 2. The AN/AAR-47 Missile Approach Warning System warns of threat missile approach by detecting radiation associated with the rocket motor and automatically initiates flare ejection. The AN/AAR-47 is a small, lightweight, passive, electro-optic, threat warning device used to detect surface-to-air missiles fired at helicopters and low-flying fixed-wing aircraft and automatically provide countermeasures, as well as audio and visual-sector warning messages to the aircrew. The basic system consists of multiple Optical Sensor Converter (OSC) units, a Computer Processor (CP) and a Control Indicator (CI). The set of OSC units, which normally consist of four units, is mounted on the aircraft exterior to provide omni-directional protection. The OSC detects the rocket plume of missiles and sends appropriate signals to the CP for processing. The CP analyzes the data from each OSC and automatically deploys the appropriate countermeasures. The CP also contains comprehensive BIT circuitry. The CI displays the incoming direction of the threat, so that the pilot can take appropriate action. The hardware is Unclassified and the software is Secret. Technical data and documentation to be provided are Unclassified.
- 3. The AN/ALE-47 Countermeasure Dispenser Set (CMDS) provides an integrated threat-adaptive, computer controlled capability for dispensing chaff, flares, and active radio frequency expendables. The AN/ALE-47 system enhances aircraft survivability in sophisticated threat environments. The threats countered by the CMDS include radar-directed anti-aircraft artillery (AAA), radar command-guided missiles, radar homing guided missiles, and infrared (IR) guided missiles. The system is internally mounted and may be operated as a stand-alone system or may be integrated with other on-board Electronic

Warfare (EW) and avionics systems. The AN/ALE-47 uses threat data received over the aircraft interfaces to assess the threat situation and determine a response. Expendable routines tailored to the immediate aircraft and threat environment may be dispensed using one of four operational modes. The hardware is Unclassified and the software is Secret. Technical data and documentation to be provided are Unclassified.

4. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware in the proposed sale, 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.

Transmittal No. 10-11

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of

Representatives, Transmittal 10–11 with attached transmittal, and policy justification.



JUN 3 0 2010

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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. 10-11, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Tunisia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$282 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,

Jeanne L. Farmer Acting Deputy Director

Spanne Farmer

- 1. Transmittal
- 2. Policy Justification
- 3. Regional Balance (Classified Document Provided Under Separate Cover)

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: Tunisia

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$ 28 million
Other \$254 million
TOTAL \$282 million

- (iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under

 Consideration for Purchase: refurbishment of twelve SH-60F Multi-Mission

 Utility Helicopters being provided as Excess Defense Articles (grant EDA notification is being submitted separately), 29 T700-GE-401C engines (24 installed and 5 spares), inspections, spare and repairs parts, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support.
 - (iv) Military Department: Navy (SAM)
 - (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: 30 June 2010

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

Tunisia - Refurbishment of Twelve SH-60F Multi-Mission Helicopters

The Government of Tunisia has requested a possible sale for the refurbishment of twelve SH-60F Multi-Mission Utility Helicopters being provided as Excess Defense Articles (grant EDA notification is being submitted separately), 29 T700-GE-401C engines (24 installed and 5 spares), inspections, spare and repairs parts, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$282 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that has been and continues to be an important force for economic and military progress in North Africa.

This proposed sale would enhance the modernization of the Tunisian Air Force's overwater search and rescue capability and would enable continued interoperability with U.S. Armed Forces and other coalition partners in the region. The proposed sale would further improve Tunisia's overall ability to perform humanitarian missions, search and rescue, medical evacuations, fire-fighting, and to maintain the integrity of its borders. Tunisia will have no difficulty absorbing the helicopters into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor for the engines will be General Electric in Lynn, Massachusetts. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of two contractor representatives to Tunisia for familiarization training, for a period of two years. U.S. Government and contractor representatives will also be required to participate in program management and program and technical reviews, training, and maintenance support for one week intervals, semi-annually for a period of three years.

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

Transmittal No. 10-18

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of

Representatives, Transmittal 10–18 with attached transmittal, and policy justification.



JUL 1 2010

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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. 10-18, concerning
the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Egypt for
defense articles and services estimated to cost \$77 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,

Jeanne L. Farmer Acting Deputy Director

Acanne Farmer

- 1. Transmittal
- 2. Policy Justification
- 3. Regional Balance (Classified Document Provided Under Separate Cover)

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: Egypt

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$ 0 million
Other \$ 77 million
TOTAL \$ 77 million

- (iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under
 Consideration for Purchase: 40 Skyguard AMOUN Solid-State Transmitters to
 support the upgrade of the Skyguard-SPARROW Launcher/Illuminator System.
 Also included are spare and repair parts, support equipment, personnel training
 and training equipment, publications and technical documents, and U.S.
 Government and contractor technical and logistics support services, and other
 related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) Military Department: Navy (GHW)
- (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: JUL 0 1 2010

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

Egypt - Skyguard AMOUN Solid-State Transmitters

The Government of Egypt has requested a possible sale of 40 Skyguard AMOUN Solid-State Transmitters to support the upgrade of the Skyguard-SPARROW Launcher/Illuminator System. Also included are spare and repair parts, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical documents, and U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$77 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East. This sale is consistent with these U.S. objectives and with the 1950 Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

The Egyptian Navy intends to purchase this equipment to improve the reliability and maintainability of the Skyguard air defense system. Egypt's current transmitters are over 30 years old, obsolete, or non-functional. Egypt will have no difficulty absorbing these transmitters into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Egypt. An onsite Contractor Engineering Technical Assistant will provide in-country support for a period of one year for training and equipment checkout.

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

Transmittal No. 10-21

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of

Representatives, Transmittal 10–21 with attached transmittal, and policy justification.



JUL 0 1 2010

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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. 10-21, concerning
the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Egypt for
defense articles and services estimated to cost \$210 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.

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Jeanne L. Farmer Acting Deputy Director

- 1. Transmittal
- 2. Policy Justification
- 3. Regional Balance (Classified Document Provided Under Separate Cover)

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Egypt

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$ 0 million
Other \$210 million
TOTAL \$210 million

- (iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: continuation of technical services in support of four (4) OLIVER HAZARD PERRY and two (2) KNOX CLASS Frigates that includes, but is not limited to, engineering change proposals, tools and test equipment, software upgrades, engine component improvement, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. government and contractor technical and logistical support services, and other related program requirements.
- (iv) Military Department: Navy (GIJ)
- (v) Prior Related Cases, if any: Multiple cases dating back to 1997
- (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:

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

Egypt - Follow-On Technical Support

The Government of Egypt has requested a possible sale for the continuation of technical services in support of four (4) OLIVER HAZARD PERRY and two (2) KNOX CLASS Frigates that includes, but is not limited to, refurbishment and upgrading facilities, engineering change proposals, tools and test equipment, software upgrades, engine component improvement, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. government and contractor technical and logistical support services, and other related program requirements. The estimated cost is \$210 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

Egypt intends to use the technical services provided to maintain the systems installed on the U.S. Navy (USN) supplied ships and USN supplied systems installed aboard Egyptian Navy platforms. The technology in these systems is maintenance intensive and requires a dedicated repair and replacement parts program to ensure the ships remain fully mission capable. This sale will provide the technical expertise, repair capability, and access to spare parts required to keep the systems operational. Egypt will have no difficulty absorbing this support into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this service will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be VSE Global in Alexandria, Virginia. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Egypt; however, U.S. government and contractor representatives will be required to travel to Egypt annually for a period of one to two weeks to participate in program and technical reviews.

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

Transmittal No. 10-29

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 10–29 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.



JUL 0 1 2010

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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. 10-29, concerning
the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the

United Kingdom for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$390 million. After
this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a press statement to notify the
public of this proposed sale.

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Deputy Director

- 1. Transmittal
- 2. Policy Justification

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended (U)

(i) Prospective Purchaser: United Kingdom

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment*\$ 0 millionOther\$ 390 millionTOTAL\$ 390 million

- (iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: continued participation in the USAF/Boeing Globemaster III Sustainment Partnership which consists of support for the United Kingdom's fleet of seven Boeing C-17A Globemaster III cargo aircraft, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, support equipment, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) Military Department: Air Force (QCX Amendment 3)
- (v) Prior Related Cases, if any:
 FMS Case QCX-\$19M-22Jan07
 FMS Case QCX, Amd #1-\$99M-30Oct07
 FMS Case QCX, Amd #2-\$225M-16Apr08
- (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: JUL 0 1 2010

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

<u>United Kingdom - Globemaster III Sustainment Partnership</u>

The Government of the United Kingdom has requested continued participation in the USAF/Boeing Globemaster III Sustainment Partnership which consists of support for the United Kingdom's fleet of seven Boeing C-17A Globemaster III cargo aircraft, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, support equipment, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$390 million.

The United Kingdom is a major political and economic power in NATO and a key democratic partner of the U.S. in ensuring peace and stability in this region and around the world.

(U) The program will ensure the United Kingdom can effectively maintain its current force projection capability that enhances interoperability with U.S. forces. The support will provide UK and other NATO forces with rapid global strategic mobility to deploy to austere locations. The United Kingdom is a staunch supporter of the U.S. in Iraq and Afghanistan and in overseas contingency operations.

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

The principal contractor will be The Boeing Company in Long Beach, California. 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 additional U.S. Government personnel or contractor representatives to the United Kingdom.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Waiver and Extension of Project Period

AGENCY: Office of Innovation and Improvement.

ACTION: Notice of waiver and extension of project period.

SUMMARY: The Secretary waives the requirements in 34 CFR 75.261(c)(2) of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), as they apply to projects funded under the DC School Choice Incentive Program (DC Choice program). This regulation generally prohibits any project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. A waiver of this regulation would allow the one-year grant funded with fiscal year (FY) 2009 funds under the DC Choice Program to be continued beyond its original project period with FY 2010 funds. Additionally, this grantee will be able to receive additional Federal funds notwithstanding the limitation in 34 CFR 75.261(c)(2) that prohibits extension of a project period if it involves the obligation of additional Federal funds.

DATES: This waiver and extension of project period are effective August 18, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anna Hinton, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4W229, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 260–1816 or by e-mail: *Anna.Hinton@ed.gov*.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll-free, at 1–800–877–8339.

Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The DC Choice program, established under the DC School Choice Incentive Act of 2003 (Act), provides low-income parents residing in the District of Columbia (District) with an option to send their children to private schools. In FY 2009, the Department awarded a one-year competitive grant to an applicant to provide scholarships, for the 2009–2010 school year, to students who received them in the 2008–2009 school year. The notice inviting

applications for new awards for the FY 2009 DC Choice Program grant competition was published in the **Federal Register** on July 6, 2009 (74 FR 31935).

Under the absolute priority established in that notice, funds awarded under the FY 2009 competition were permitted to be used only to award scholarships to students already participating in this program prior to FY 2009.1 The absolute priority was established to align with the instructions of Congress included in the Ioint Explanatory Statement accompanying Public Law 111-8, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, that the Department use FY 2009 funds only to provide scholarships to currently enrolled program participants and not to enroll new participants. Further, the FY 2010 Appropriations Act provides that FY 2010 and prior-year funds may be used to provide scholarships in the 2010–2011 school year only to students who received scholarships in the 2009– 2010 school year.

Waiver of 34 CFR 75.261(c)(2)

We are waiving the provisions of 34 CFR 75.261(c)(2) so that the current grantee may continue to receive additional funds to serve beyond the

¹Funds are also permitted to be used for administrative and evaluation expenses.