

**Transmittal No. 11-17****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:* United Arab Emirates.

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment *	\$27 million.
Other .....	374 million.

Total .....	401 million.
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\* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:* 107 Link 16 Multifunctional Information Distribution System/Low Volume Terminals (MIDS/LVT) to be installed on the United Arab Emirates' F-16 aircraft and ground command and control sites, engineering/integration services, aircraft modification and installation, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, repair and return support, training equipment and personnel training, U.S. Government and contractor logistics, engineering and technical support, interface with ground command and control centers and ground repeater sites, and other related elements of program support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Air Force (QAE).

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:* FMS Case SAA-\$113.8M-24Aug00.

(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 Attached Annex.

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:* 21 Sep 2011.

**Policy Justification****United Arab Emirates—MIDS/LVT LINK 16 Terminals**

The Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has requested a possible sale of 107 Link 16 Multifunctional Information Distribution System/Low Volume Terminals (MIDS/LVT) to be installed on the United Arab Emirates F-16 aircraft and ground command and control sites, engineering/integration services, aircraft modification and installation, testing, spare and repair parts, support equipment, repair and return support, personnel training, contractor engineering and technical support, interface with ground command and control centers and ground repeater sites, and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$401 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 MIDS terminal will increase pilot operational effectiveness by at-a-glance portrayal of targets, threats, and friendly forces on an easy-to-understand relative position display. This proposed system will increase combat effectiveness while reducing the threat of friendly fire. The system will foster interoperability with the U.S. Air Force and other countries. The MIDS/LVT will provide allied forces greater situational awareness in any coalition operation. The United Arab Emirates will have no difficulty absorbing this additional capability into its Air Force.

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

There are several manufacturers of the Link 16 MIDS-LVT. A prime contractor will be selected during the negotiating process. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of additional U.S. Government and contractor representatives to the UAE. The number of U.S. Government and contractor representatives will be determined in joint negotiations as the program proceeds through the development, production, and equipment installation phases.

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

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**Annex****Item No. vii**

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. The Multifunctional Information Distribution System/Low Volume Terminals (MIDS-LVT) Communication Security (COMSEC) device provides improved situational awareness and sensor cueing in support of air superiority and interdiction missions. The Link 16 tactical data link provides networking with other Link 16-capable aircraft, command, and control systems. The MIDS/LVT 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.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Membership of the Performance Review Board**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OSD), Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of board membership.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the appointment of the Department of Defense, Fourth Estate, Performance Review Board (PRB) members, to include the Joint Staff, Defense Field Activities, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the following Defense Agencies: Defense Advance Research Projects Agency, Defense Contract Management Agency, Defense Commissary Agency, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Defense Legal Services Agency, Defense Logistics Agency, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Missile Defense Agency, and Pentagon Force Protection Agency. The publication of PRB membership is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

The PRB shall provide fair and impartial review of Senior Executive Service and Senior Professional performance appraisals and make recommendations regarding performance ratings and performance awards to the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* September 16, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael L. Watson, Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Washington Headquarters Services, Office of the Secretary of Defense, (703) 693-8373.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the following executives are appointed to the Office of the Secretary of Defense

PRB with specific PRB panel assignments being made from this group. Executives listed will serve a one-year renewable term, effective September 16, 2011.

#### Office of the Secretary of Defense

Chairperson

Christine Condon

#### PRB PANEL MEMBERS

Ahmed, Sajeel .....	Liotta, Jay
Anderson, Gretchen .....	McFarland, Katharina
Bexfield, James .....	McGrath, Elizabeth
Bradley, Leigh .....	Middleton, Allen
Bunn, Brad .....	Milks, Thomas
Cabrera, Louis .....	Morgan, Timothy
Cofer, Jonathan .....	Pennett, John
Conklin, Pamela .....	Peters, Paul
Durand, Shari .....	Pontius, Ronald
Ewell, Webster .....	Rogers, Angela
France, Joyce .....	Russell, James
Frothingham, Ed- ward.	Shaffer, Alan
Hinkle-Bowles, Stephanie.	Snavelly-Dixon, Mary
Hollis, Caryn .....	Stein, Joseph
Hopkins, Arthur .....	Wennergren, David
James, John Jr. ....	Wright, Garland
Koffsky, Paul .....	Wright, Jessica
Kozemchak, Paul .....	Yarwood, Susan

Dated: September 26, 2011.

**Aaron Siegel,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket No. DARS-2011-0050-0002]

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Defense Acquisition Regulations System has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 31, 2011.

*Title, Associated Forms and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 229, Taxes, and related clause at DFARS 252.229-7010; OMB Control Number 0704-0390.

*Type of Request:* Extension.

*Number of Respondents:* 75.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 75.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 4 hours.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 300 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* DoD uses this information to determine if DoD contractors in the United Kingdom have attempted to obtain relief from customs duty on vehicle fuels in accordance with contract requirements.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

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

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number, and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check <http://www.regulations.gov> approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

*DoD Clearance Officer:* Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD/Information Management Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, 2nd Floor, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

Dated: September 23, 2011.

**Ynette R. Shelkin,**

*Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

#### Commercial Item Handbook

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Request for public input.

**SUMMARY:** DoD has updated its Commercial Item Handbook. The purpose of the Handbook is to help acquisition personnel develop sound business strategies for procuring commercial items. DoD is seeking industry input on the contents before finalizing the Handbook.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before November 30, 2011, to be considered in the formation of the final Handbook.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments to the Office of the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Attention OUSD(AT&L)DPAP/CPIC, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060. Comments also may be submitted by e-mail to [CI\\_Handbook@osd.mil](mailto:CI_Handbook@osd.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Cassandra R. Freeman, 703-693-7062, or by e-mail at [Cassandra.Freeman@osd.mil](mailto:Cassandra.Freeman@osd.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 1, 2009, DoD published a request for public input on the draft Commercial Item Handbook issued by the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) in November 2001. Comments were received and incorporated. A draft of the updated Commercial Item Handbook can be found at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/cpic/draftcihandbook08012011.docx>. DoD is seeking industry input on the contents before finalizing the Handbook.

**Ynette R. Shelkin,**

*Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Haile Gold Mine in Lancaster County, SC

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.