

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****[Transmittal Nos. 13-11]****36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification****AGENCY:** Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense.**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 July 21, 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 13-11 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: April 12, 2013.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

**DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY**

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MAR 29 2013

The Honorable John A. Boehner
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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. 13-11, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Republic of Korea for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$2.408 billion. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a press statement to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

William E. Landay III
Vice Admiral, USN
Director

Enclosures:

1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification
3. Sensitivity of Technology



Transmittal No. 13–11

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer

Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

(i) *Prospective Purchaser*: Republic of Korea

(ii) *Total Estimated Value*:

Major Defense Equipment*	\$1.167 billion
Other	\$1.241 billion
TOTAL	\$2.408 billion

(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase*:

60 Active Electronically Scanned Array Radar (AESA) radar sets
 60 Digital Electronic Warfare Systems (DEWS)
 60 AN/AAQ–33 Sniper Targeting Systems
 60 AN/AAS–42 Infrared Search and Track (IRST) Systems
 69 Link-16 Terminals and spares
 132 Ultra High Frequency/Very High Frequency (UHF/VHF) Secure radio with HAVE QUICK II

Also included are the Advanced Display Core Processor II, Joint Mission Planning System, various support equipment items, GEM–V GPS airborne receiver module, and communication security, software development/integration, spares and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical documents, U.S. Government and contract engineering and logistical personnel services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) *Military Department*: Air Force (SAP)

(v) *Prior Related Cases if any*:

FMS Case SIR—\$128M—10 Aug 02

FMS Case CAC—\$3M—7 May 08

FMS Case SAB—\$146M—10 Jan 08

(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*: 29 March 2013

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Korea—F–15 Silent Eagle Aircraft

The Republic of Korea has requested a possible hybrid case in support of (60) F–15 Silent Eagle aircraft being procured via Direct Commercial Sales

(DCS). The proposed sale will include 60 Active Electronically Scanned Array Radar (AESA) radar sets, 60 Digital Electronic Warfare Systems (DEWS), 60 AN/AAQ–33 Sniper Targeting Systems, 60 AN/AAS–42 Infrared Search and Track (IRST) Systems, 132 Ultra High Frequency/Very High Frequency (UHF/VHF) secure radio with HAVE QUICK II, 69 Link-16 Terminals and spares, the Advanced Display Core Processor II, Joint Mission Planning System, various support equipment items, GEM–V GPS airborne receiver module, and communication security; software development/integration, spares and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical documents, U.S. Government and contract engineering and logistical personnel services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$2.408 billion.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by meeting the legitimate security and defense needs of an ally and partner nation. The Republic of Korea continues to be an important force for peace, political stability, and economic progress in North East Asia.

The proposed sale will augment Korea's operational aircraft inventory and enhance its air-to-air and air-to-ground self-defense capability, provide it with a credible defense capability to deter aggression in the region, and ensure interoperability with U.S. forces. The Republic of Korea Air Force's F–4 aircraft will be decommissioned as F–15SEs are added to the inventory. Korea will have no difficulty absorbing this additional equipment and support into its inventory.

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

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

The prime contractor will be The Boeing Corporation in St Louis, Missouri. This proposal is being offered in the context of a competition. If the proposal is accepted, it is expected that offset agreements will be required.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness resulting from this proposed sale.

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Annex

Item No. vii

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology*:

1. This Direct Commercial Sale (DCS)/Foreign Military Sale (FMS) Hybrid sale will involve the release of sensitive technology to the Republic of Korea (ROK). The F–15SE weapons system is classified up to Secret. The F–15SE aircraft (DCS) uses the F–15E airframe and features advanced avionics and other technologically sensitive systems. The F–15SE will contain the General Electric F110–GE–129E engine (DCS), AN/APG–63(v)3 Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar (FMS), internal and external electronic warfare and self-protection equipment (FMS), Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) system (FMS), operational flight program, and software computer programs.

2. Sensitive and/or classified (up to Secret) elements of the proposed F–15SE include hardware, accessories, components, and associated software: APG–63(v)3 AESA, Digital Electronic Warfare Suite (DEWS), the AN/AAQ–33 SNIPER targeting system, Infrared Search and Track system (IRST), Link-16 Terminals, and Ultra High Frequency Very High Frequency (UHF/VHF) secure radio. Additional sensitive areas include operating manuals and maintenance technical orders containing performance information, operating and test procedures, and other information related to support operations and repair. The hardware, software, and data identified are classified to protect vulnerabilities, design and performance parameters and other similar critical information.

3. The Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar is the latest model of the F–15E radar. This model contains digital technology, including high processor and transmitter power, sensitive receiver electronics, and Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR), which creates high resolution radar ground maps. This radar also incorporates Non Cooperative Threat Recognition (NCTR) to aid in aircraft identification. The complete hardware is classified Confidential; major components and subsystems are classified Confidential; software is classified Secret; and technical data and documentation are classified up to Secret.

4. The Digital Electronic Warfare Suite (DEWS) provides passive radar warning, wide spectrum RF jamming,

and control and management of the entire EW system. It is an internally mounted suite. The commercially developed system software and hardware is Unclassified. The system is classified Secret when loaded with a U.S. derived EW database.

5. The AN/AAQ-33 SNIPER Targeting System is Unclassified but contains technology representing the latest state-of-the-art in several areas. This pod is a third generation infrared and electro-optical pod capable of full motion video downlink. Information on performance and inherent vulnerabilities is classified Secret. Software (object code) is classified Confidential. Sensitive elements include the forward looking infrared (FLIR) sensors, and Electronic Counter Countermeasures features that increase capability in a jamming environment.

6. The AN/AAS-42 Infrared Search and Track (IRST) system is a long-wave, high resolution, passive, infrared sensor system that searches and detects heat sources within its field of regard. The AN/AAS-42 is classified Confidential, components and subsystems range from Unclassified to Confidential, and technical data and other documentation are classified up to Secret.

7. Link-16 command, control, communications, and intelligence (C3I) system incorporating high capacity, jam-resistant, digital communication links for exchange of near real-time tactical information, including both data and voice, among air, ground, and sea elements.

8. The Ultra High Frequency/Very High Frequency (UHF/VHF) secure radio with HAVE QUICK II is voice communications radio system that can operate in either normal, secure, and/or jam resistant modes. It can employ cryptographic technology that is classified Secret. Classified elements include operating characteristics, parameters, technical data, and keying material.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2013-ICCD-0055]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Financial Report for the Endowment Challenge Grant Program

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 17, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2013-ICCD-0055 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E103, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Electronically mail ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please do not send comments here.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner;

(3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Financial Report for the Endowment Challenge Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 1840-0564.

Type of Review: an extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 2,500.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 3,125.

Abstract: This financial reporting form will be utilized for Title III Part A, Title III Part B and Title V Program Endowment Activities and Title III Part C Endowment Challenge Grant Program. The purpose of this Annual Financial Report is to have the grantees report annually the kind of investments that have been made, the income earned and spent, and whether any part of the Endowment Fund Corpus has been spent. This information allows us to give technical assistance and determine whether the grantee has complied with the statutory and regulatory investment requirements.

Dated: April 15, 2013.

Kate Mullan,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2013-ICCD-0056]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; IEPS International Resource Information System (IRIS)

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.