

**POLICY JUSTIFICATION***India—M777 155mm Light-Weight Towed Howitzers*

The Government of India has requested a possible sale of 145 M777 155mm Light-Weight Towed Howitzers with Laser Inertial Artillery Pointing Systems (LINAPS), warranty, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, maintenance, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor representatives' technical assistance, engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$885 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to strengthen the U.S.-India strategic relationship and to improve the security of an important partner which continues to be a for political stability, peace, and economic progress in South Asia.

India intends to use the howitzers to modernize its armed forces and enhance its ability to operate in hazardous conditions. India will have no difficulty absorbing these weapons into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractors will be BAE of Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Watervliet Arsenal of Watervliet, New York; Seiler Instrument Company of St Louis, Missouri; Triumph Actuation Systems of Bloomfield, Connecticut; Taylor Devices of North Tonawanda, New York; Hutchinson Industries of Trenton, New Jersey; and Selex, Edinburgh, United Kingdom. In accordance with the Indian Defense Procurement Procedure (DPP), it is anticipated that the vendor will be required to negotiate an offset contract with the government of India.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require annual trips to India involving up to eight (8) U.S. Government and contractor representatives for technical reviews/support, training, and in-country trials for a period of approximately two years.

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

This congressional notification transmittal number 13-BJ will supersede previously notified transmittal 09-DB.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of Air Force****Exchange of Air Force Real Property for Non-Air Force Real Property**

**SUMMARY:** Notice identifies excess Federal real property under administrative jurisdiction of the United States Air Force it intends to exchange for real property not currently owned by the Federal government that will be placed under the administrative jurisdiction of the Air Force.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Arthur Calix, Air Force Civil Engineer Center Installations Center of Excellence (AFCEC/CIT) , 2261 Hughes Avenue, Suite 155, Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) Lackland, TX 78236-9853; telephone (210) 395-9481, (telephone number is not toll-free).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 10 U.S.C. Section 2869 (d)(1), the Air Force is publishing this Notice to identify Federal real property that it intends to exchange for property that is needed by the Air Force to limit encroachment and other constraints on military operations at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts. Description of the Air Force Property: Approximately 36 acres of railway corridor of irregular width, located in the North Falmouth section of the Town of Falmouth, located on the southern portion of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The rail corridor extends from an area just west of Route 28A and north of Route 151 on Cape Cod and extends to the southern portion of the Joint Base Cape Cod formally known as (Massachusetts Military Reservation), Otis Air National Guard Base, Massachusetts. The property consists of 23 tracts of land providing a rail corridor of about thirteen thousand linear feet in length.

**Property Number**

*Status:* Excess.

*Comments:* The Air Force railway land described above was determined to be excess to military mission needs on April 29, 2013. The property proposed to be acquired by the Air Force in the property exchange is about 18 acres of land, owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, located adjacent to the Hanscom Air Force Base current main entry gate (Vandenberg Gate). If the transaction is approved, the Air Force intends to re-route the road into Vandenberg Gate and construct a new main gate facility to enhance the installation's main entry control point. Before the exchange agreement is approved by the Air Force, the Air Force

will notify the appropriate Congressional committees of the terms and conditions of the proposed exchange pursuant to section 2869(d)(2) of title 10, United States Code.

**Authority:** Title 10, United States Code, Section 2869(d)(1).

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers****Notice of Intent To Prepare a Joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Millennium Bulk Terminals—Longview Shipping Facility Project**

**AGENCY:** U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** Millennium Bulk Terminals—Longview, LLC (MBTL) is proposing to construct and operate a shipping facility near Longview, Washington. MBTL currently intends to ship coal from the facility. Department of the Army (DA) authorization is required pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The Corps has determined the proposed project may have significant individual and/or cumulative impacts on the human environment. The Corps has entered into an agreement with the Cowlitz County Building and Planning Department (County) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (WDOE), (together, the co-lead agencies) to prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The Corps will serve as the lead federal agency for purposes of NEPA, and the County and WDOE will serve as lead agencies under SEPA.

**DATES:** The scoping period for this EIS will begin August 16, 2013. Written comments regarding the scope of the EIS, including the environmental analysis, range of alternatives, and potential mitigation actions should be submitted to the address below or by email to [comments@millenniumbulkeis.gov](mailto:comments@millenniumbulkeis.gov) by the closing date of the EIS scoping period, November 18, 2013.