

services will be used to support the current Switzerland F/A-18 Hornet Upgrade 25 program and future upgrade programs. The Swiss Air Force needs this support to keep pace with technology advances in sensors, weaponry, and communications.

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

The principal contractors will be Excelis Inc. in Clifton, New Jersey; Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems in Linthicum, Maryland; The Boeing Company in St. Louis, Missouri; General Electric Aircraft Engines in Lynn, Massachusetts; General Dynamics Information Technology in Wildewood, Maryland; Wyle Laboratories in Lexington Park, Maryland; MacKee, Inc. in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Zenetex in California, Maryland. There are no 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 or contractor representative's in-country. However, multiple trips to Switzerland involving U.S. Government and contractor representatives will be required for technical reviews/support, program management, and training.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 13-66]

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, Transmittal 13-66 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: December 11, 2013.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

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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. 13-66, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Republic of Korea for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$151 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,

Richard A. Gervelle

For J. W. Rixey
Vice Admiral, USN
Director

Enclosures:

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

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Transmittal No. 13-66

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:* Republic of Korea

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment ...	\$ 66 million
Other	\$ 85 million
TOTAL	\$151 million

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

14 CH-47D Model Aircraft to include
T55-GA-714A Turbine Engines, 2 per aircraft (14 ac x 2 = 28 engines)
5 T55-GA-714A Turbine Engines to be used as spares
16 AN/ARC-220 HF Radios
32 AN/ARC-186 VHF AM/FM Radios
16 AN/ARN 123 VOR ILS Marker Beacons
14 AN/ARN-154(V) Tactical Air Navigation (TACAN) Systems
16 AN/ARC-201D or AN/ARC-201E VHF FM Homing Radios
16 AN/APN-209D Radar Altimeters
16 AN/ASN-43 Gyro-magnetic Compasses

Also included are mission equipment, communication and navigation equipment, ground support equipment, special tools and test equipment, spares, publications, Maintenance Work Orders/Engineering Change Proposals (MWO/ECP), technical support and training.

(iv) *Military Department:* Army (ZDF)

(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:* See Attached Annex

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:* 3 December 2013

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Government of The Republic of Korea—CH-47D Aircraft

The Government of The Republic of Korea has requested a possible sale of:

14 CH-47D Model Aircraft to include
T55-GA-714A Engines, 2 per aircraft (14 ac x 2=28 engines)
5 T55-GA-714A Turbine to be used as spares.
16 AN/ARC-220 HF Radios
32 AN/ARC-186 VHF AM/FM Radios
16 AN/ARN 123 VOR ILS Marker Beacons

14 AN/ARN-154(V) Tactical Air Navigation (TACAN) System
16 AN/ARC-201D or AN/ARC-201E VHF FM Homing Radios
16 AN/APN-209D Radar Altimeters
16 AN/ASN-43 Gyro-magnetic Compasses

Also included are mission equipment, communication and navigation equipment, ground support equipment, special tools and test equipment, spares, publications, Maintenance Work Orders/Engineering Change Proposals (MWO/ECP), technical support and training. The total estimated value for these articles and services is \$151 million.

The CH-47Ds being considered for this sale are currently operated by U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) in the ROK. This proposed sale of CH-47D aircraft equipped with T55-GA-714A engines will be provided from U.S. Army inventory located at Camp Humphrey, South Korea. The T55-GA-714A Engines to be provided as spares will also be provided from U.S. Government inventory.

If this proposed sale is approved, the aircraft will be sold and transferred to the ROK incrementally once USFK begins taking receipt of new-production CH-47F model aircraft, a process currently estimated to begin in the January 2014 timeframe. The U.S. Army will not replace the CH-47D aircraft being proposed for sale and transfer to the ROK. This proposed sale will allow the U.S. Army to avoid transportation and/or demilitarization costs in the amount of approximately \$13.4 million.

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

The proposed sale will improve the ROK's capability to meet current and future requirements for troop movement, medical evacuation, aircraft recovery, parachute drop, search and rescue, disaster relief, fire-fighting and heavy construction support. The ROK will use this enhanced capability to strengthen its homeland defense, deter regional threats, and improve humanitarian and disaster mobilization and response. These efforts support both ROK and U.S. interests and objectives, and are consistent with strategic and regional goals. This sale is also consistent with the U.S. strategic interests for stability in the Pacific Command Area of Operations.

The ROK is capable of absorbing and maintaining this additional equipment in its inventory. 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 Ridley Park, Pennsylvania. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of 18 U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the ROK to provide support, program management, and training for a period of up to 2 years.

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 CH-47D Model Aircraft includes the following sensitive and/or classified (up to and including Secret) components:

a. The CH-47D is a medium lift aircraft, remanufactured from the CH-47A, B and C aircraft. The CH-47D aircraft, which includes two T55-GA-714A engines, has been identified as Major Defense Equipment (MDE). The avionic system in the CH-47D helicopter consists of the communications equipment providing HF (AN/ARC-220 without ECCM) and VHF AM/FM (AN/ARC-186) communications, VOR ILS Marker Beacon (AN/ARN-123), Tactical Air Navigation (TACAN) System AN/ARN-154(V), VHF FM Homing (AN/ARC-201E) is provided through the FM communication radio.

b. Use of the AN/APN-209D Radar altimeter provides accurate indication of the altitude of the aircraft over all types of terrain, and the AN/ASN-43 Gyro magnetic compass provides heading information to assist with navigation of the aircraft.

c. The command, control and communications equipment needed to operate in a secure communications environment will facilitate the performance of the CH-47D within the Republic of Korea and in combined operations with the U.S., where interoperability is paramount

d. The radios serve to modernize the command and control infrastructure to facilitate interoperability with U.S. forces. Moreover the equipment will

provide critical VHF/UHF and SATCOM links necessary for an agile, fast moving force. Integration of the ARC-201 (SINGARS) FM radios will enhance this interoperability.

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 which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or could be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Establishment of the Secretary of the Navy Advisory Panel

AGENCY: DoD.

ACTION: Renewal of Federal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense gives notice that it is renewing the charter for the Secretary of the Navy Advisory Panel (“the Panel”). The Panel has been determined to be in the public interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Freeman, Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703-692-5952.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Federal Advisory Committee is being renewed under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), and 41 CFR 102-3.50(a).

The Panel shall provide independent advice and recommendations on critical matters concerning the Department of the Navy, as set forth in this notice.

The Panel’s focus will include Department of the Navy administration and management, recruitment and training, equipment acquisition and maintenance, military and civilian manpower systems, basing and support infrastructure, and logistical support. The Panel will also focus on research and development matters confronting the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps and on matters pertaining to preserving the history and heritage of the Naval Services.

The Panel shall be composed of no more than 15 members. The members will be eminent authorities in the fields of science, research, finance, history, engineering, business, and industry.

The Panel members will be appointed by the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense for a term of service of one-to-four years and their appointments will be renewed on an annual basis in accordance with DoD policies and procedures. Members of the Panel who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal employees will be appointed as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109 to serve as special government employee (SGE) members. Panel members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal employees will serve as regular government employee members. All members of the Panel are appointed to provide advice on behalf of the Government on the basis of their best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest.

Panel members, if appointed by the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense as SGE members, will serve without compensation. However, Panel members will be reimbursed for travel and per diem as it pertains to official business of the Panel.

No member, unless authorized by the Secretary of Defense, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the Panel, to include its subcommittees, or serve on two DoD federal advisory committees at one time.

The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of the Navy, shall appoint the Panel’s chairperson from the total membership.

The Secretary of the Navy, pursuant to DoD policies and procedures, may appoint, as deemed necessary, non-voting subject matter experts (SMEs) to assist the Panel or its subcommittees on an ad hoc basis. These non-voting SMEs are not members of the Panel or its subcommittees, and will not engage or participate in any deliberations by the Panel or its subcommittees. These non-voting SMEs, if not full-time or part-time Government employees, will be appointed under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109 on an intermittent basis to address specific issues under consideration by the Panel.

DoD, as necessary and consistent with the Panel’s mission and DoD policies and procedures, may establish subcommittees, task forces, or working groups to support the Panel.

Establishment of subcommittees will be based upon a written determination, to include terms of reference, by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the Secretary of the Navy, as the DoD Sponsor.

Such subcommittees shall not work independently of the chartered Panel,

and shall report all their recommendations and advice solely to the Panel for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees, task forces, or working groups have no authority to make decisions and recommendations, verbally or in writing, on behalf of the chartered Panel. No subcommittee or any of its members can update or report, verbally or in writing, directly to the DoD or any Federal officers or employees.

All subcommittee members shall be appointed in the same manner as the Panel members; that is, the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense shall appoint subcommittee members even if the member in question is already a member of the Panel. Subcommittee members, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, may serve a term of one-to-four years; however, no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the subcommittee.

Subcommittee members, if not full-time or part-time Federal employees, will be appointed as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109 to serve as SGE members, whose appointments must be renewed on an annual basis. With the exception of reimbursement for travel and per diem as it pertains to official travel related to the Panel or its subcommittees, Panel subcommittee members shall serve without compensation.

Each subcommittee member is appointed to provide advice on behalf of the Government on the basis of his or her best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest.

All subcommittees operate under the provisions of the FACA, the Sunshine Act, governing Federal statutes and regulations, and established DoD policies and procedures.

Currently, DoD has approved the following two permanent subcommittees to the Panel:

(a) The Naval Research Advisory Committee shall be composed of not more than seven members and shall provide independent advice and recommendations on scientific, technical, research, and development matters confronting the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 5024(a), the subcommittee shall consist of civilians preeminent in the fields of science, research, and development work, and one member must be from the field of medicine.

The estimated number of meetings is four per year.