

SUMMARY: The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (VCAT or Committee), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet in an open session on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Eastern Time and Thursday, February 4, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The VCAT is composed of fifteen members appointed by the NIST Director who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations.

DATES: The VCAT will meet on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Eastern Time and Thursday, February 4, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Portrait Room, Administration Building, at NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20899. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Shaw, VCAT, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1060, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1060, telephone number 301-975-2667. Ms. Shaw's email address is stephanie.shaw@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 278 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

The purpose of this meeting is for the VCAT to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for NIST, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include updates from the Administration on current research priorities and NIST's role in addressing these areas. NIST workforce engagement and actions to improve the recruitment and retention of high quality staff will also be discussed. The Committee also will present its initial observations, findings, and recommendations for the 2015 VCAT Annual Report. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.cfm>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee's affairs are invited to request a place on the agenda.

On Thursday, February 4, approximately one-half hour in the

morning will be reserved for public comments and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about 3 minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the NIST Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.cfm>.

Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to VCAT, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 1060, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20899, via fax at 301-216-0529 or electronically by email to Karen.lellock@nist.gov.

All visitors to the NIST site are required to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Stephanie Shaw by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Wednesday, January 27, 2016. Non-U.S. citizens must submit additional information; please contact Ms. Shaw. Ms. Shaw's email address is stephanie.shaw@nist.gov and her phone number is 301-975-2667. For participants attending in person, please note that federal agencies, including NIST, can only accept a state-issued driver's license or identification card for access to federal facilities if such license or identification card is issued by a state that is compliant with the REAL ID Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-13), or by a state that has an extension for REAL ID compliance. NIST currently accepts other forms of federal-issued identification in lieu of a state-issued driver's license. For detailed information please contact Ms. Shaw at 301-975-2667 or visit: http://nist.gov/public_affairs/visitor/.

Richard R. Cavanagh,
Acting Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Digital Economy Board of Advisors, Extension of Nomination Deadline

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Extension of Nomination Deadline for the Digital Economy Board of Advisors.

SUMMARY: NTIA announces that the closing deadline for the submission of nominations for the Digital Economy Board of Advisors is extended to midnight Eastern Standard Time (EST) on January 12, 2016.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted electronically using the online nomination form on or before midnight EST on January 12, 2016.

ADDRESSES: All nominations should be submitted using the online nomination form located at www.ntia.doc.gov/digital-economy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Evelyn Remaley, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 482-3821 or DEBA@ntia.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 27, 2015, NTIA published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the establishment of the Digital Economy Board of Advisors and calling for nominations for the Board. (80 FR 74086, Nov. 27, 2015). NTIA requires that all nominations be submitted electronically using the online nomination form located at www.ntia.doc.gov/digital-economy. NTIA established a nomination window through midnight EST on December 23, 2015.

NTIA extends the nomination deadline to midnight EST on January 12, 2016. NTIA announces this deadline extension in the interest of ensuring that applicants have sufficient time to submit nominations, recognizing the proximity of several Federal holidays to the current nomination deadline. All other requirements for the submission of nominations remain unchanged.

Dated: December 17, 2015.

Kathy D. Smith,
Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 15-71]

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:
Sarah A. Ragan or Heather N. Harwell,

DSCA/LMO, (703) 604-1546/(703) 607-5339.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 15-71 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: December 17, 2015.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
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ARLINGTON, VA 22202-5408

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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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. 15-71, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Kingdom of Morocco for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$157 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. W. Rixey".

JWR
J. W. Rixey
Vice Admiral, USN
Director

Enclosures:

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



Transmittal No. 15–71

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*: Kingdom of Morocco
 (ii) *Total Estimated Value*:

Major Defense Equipment *	\$ 96.0 million
Other	\$ 61.0 million
Total	\$157.0 million

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Six hundred (600) TOW 2A, Radio Frequency (RF) Missiles (BGM–71E–4B–RF)

Seven (7) TOW 2A, Radio Frequency (RF) Missile (BGM–71E–4B–RF) Fly-to-Buy Lot Acceptance Missiles

Three hundred (300) M220A2 TOW Launchers

Also included with this request are Missile Support Equipment; Government-Furnished Equipment; Technical Manuals/Publications; Spare Parts; Tool and Test Equipment; Training; U.S. Government Technical Support/Logistical Support; Contractor Technical Support; and other associated equipment and services.

(iv) *Military Department*: U.S. Army (MO–B–USZ)

(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*: 17 NOV 2015

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Morocco—Radio Frequency (RF) TOW 2A, Radio Frequency (FR) Missile (BGM–71–4B–RF), M220A2 TOW Launchers, Support and Training

The Kingdom of Morocco has requested a possible sale of:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Six hundred (600) TOW 2A, Radio Frequency (RF) Missiles (BGM–71E–4B–RF)

Seven (7) TOW 2A, Radio Frequency (RF) Missile (BGM–71E–4B–RF) Fly-to-Buy Lot Acceptance Missiles

Three hundred (300) M220A2 TOW Launchers

Also included with this request are Missile Support Equipment; Government-Furnished Equipment; Technical Manuals/Publications; Spare

Parts; Tool and Test Equipment; Training; U.S. Government Technical Support/Logistical Support; Contractor Technical Support; and other associated equipment and services. The estimated value of MDE is \$96 million. The total estimated value is \$157 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 major Non-NATO ally that continues to be an important force for the political stability and economic progress in North Africa.

The proposed sale of the TOW 2A Missiles, M220A2 Launchers and technical support will advance Morocco's efforts to modernize its ground defense capability.

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

The principal contractor involved in this program is Raytheon Missile Systems, Tucson, Arizona. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the U.S. Government or contractor representatives to travel to Morocco for multiple periods for equipment deprocessing/fielding, system checkout and new equipment training. There will be no more than six contractor personnel in Morocco at any one time and all efforts will take less than 14 weeks in total.

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

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Item No. vii

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology*:

1. The Radio Frequency (RF) TOW 2A Missile (BGM–71E–4B–RF) is a direct attack missile designed to defeat armored vehicles, reinforced urban structures, field fortifications and other such targets. TOW missiles are fired from a variety of TOW launchers in the U.S. Army, USMC, and FMS customer forces. The TOW 2A RF missile can be launched from the same launcher platforms as the existing wire-guided TOW 2A missile without modification to the launcher. The TOW 2A missile (both wire & RF) contains two tracker beacons (xenon and thermal) for the launcher to track and guide the missile in flight. Guidance commands from the launcher are provided to the missile by a RF link contained within the missile case. The hardware, software, and

technical publications provided with the sale thereof are unclassified. However, the system itself contains sensitive technology that instructs the system on how to operate in the presence of countermeasures.

2. If a technology advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that 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

Applications for New Awards; Talent Search Program

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information

Talent Search Program
 Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2016.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.044A.

DATES: Applications Available: December 22, 2015.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: February 5, 2016.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: April 20, 2016.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Talent Search Program is to identify qualified individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds with potential for education at the postsecondary level and encourage them to complete secondary school and undertake postsecondary education. Talent Search projects publicize the availability of, and facilitate the application for, student financial assistance for persons who seek to pursue postsecondary education, and encourage persons who have not completed programs at the secondary or postsecondary level to enter or reenter and complete these programs.

Background: The Federal TRIO programs, including the Talent Search Program, represent a national commitment to education for all students regardless of race, ethnic background, disability status, or economic circumstances. Consistent with this mission, the Department has a strong interest in ensuring that students