

technical and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

- (iv) *Military Department: Army (UBY)*
(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:*

FMS case B6-B-FAK—\$138.8M—Nov 2007; FMS case E3-B-UAF—\$39.0M—Aug 2008; FMS case E6-B-UBN—\$55.0M—Jul 2009; FMS case AF-B-UBI—\$3.3M—Jan 2010; FMS case G5-B-UAG—\$39.0M—Mar 2010; FMS case G5-B-UEQ—\$11.0M—Nov 2010; FMS case G5-B-UEK—\$152.5M—Nov 2010; FMS case G6-B-UBD—\$20.2M—Apr 2011; FMS case G6-B-UBI—\$512.6M—May 2011; FMS case H5-B-UCN—\$20.8M—Dec 2012; FMS case H5-B-UES—\$1.8M—Aug 2013; FMS case J3-B-UCJ—\$50.9M—Mar 2015; FMS case J3-B-UDE—\$2.7M—Apr 2015; FMS case J3-B-UEW—\$5.66M—Sep 2015; FMS case J8-B-UAI—\$21M—May 2015; FMS case J8-B-UAN—\$7.6M—Jul 2015; FMS case V3-B-UAP—\$9M—Apr 2016

(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:* None.

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:* 2016 AUG 17.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Afghanistan—Individual and Crew Served Weapons

The Government of Afghanistan has requested a possible sale of:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): Four thousand, eight hundred and ninety-one (4,891) M16A4 5.56mm Rifles, Four hundred and eighty-five (485) M240B 7.62mm Machine Guns, Eight hundred (800) M2 .50 caliber Machine Guns.

Non-MDE:

Also included with this request are M249 Light Automatic Machine Guns; M110 7.62mm Sniper Rifles; MK-19 40mm Grenade Launchers; MK-93 40mm Machine Gun Mounts; M3 Tripod

Machine Gun Mounts; Spare Barrels; spare and repair parts; lot validation; publications and technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment; Quality Assurance Team; U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$60 million.

The proposed sale will enhance the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of a strategic partner by providing weapons needed to maintain security and stability, as well as to conduct offensive operations against an ongoing insurgency. A stable and secure Afghanistan is vital to regional stability. This proposed sale will also demonstrate the U.S. commitment to Afghanistan's security.

Afghanistan has an urgent requirement to increase its stocks of crew-served weapons for ongoing counter-insurgency operations and enduring threats to its national sovereignty. These articles were determined to be necessary and are based on Afghanistan's force structure and operational requirements.

The Afghan National Army (ANA) will use these weapons and equipment in both offensive and defensive operations against insurgents and terrorists within their borders. Without these defense articles, the ANA will not have the military capabilities that are necessary to maintain security and stability. The ANA is thoroughly trained and prepared to use the proposed defense articles. Afghanistan will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

While equipment for the ANA is typically purchased with Title 10 Afghanistan Security Forces Fund (ASFF) appropriations and implemented by DSCA through pseudo-FMS cases, Afghanistan will use U.S. government grants to fund and support this proposed purchase.

The principal contractor for the M240B will be FN America, Colombia,

SC. The principal contractors for the M16A4, M2, and other weapons have not been identified pending open competition and contract award. Some items may be drawn from Army stocks to meet desired delivery dates. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will require the assignment of approximately eight (8) additional U.S. Government and approximately six (6) contractor representatives to Afghanistan for approximately 5–6 weeks in support of the fielding, maintenance and personnel 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 No. 16–29]

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: Chang Sug, DSCA/STR/LMO, (703) 697–8985.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 16–29 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: September 15, 2016.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.



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

AUG 19 2016

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. 16-29, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Qatar for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$124.02 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,

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. 16-29

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:* Government of Qatar

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment* \$0.02 million
Other \$124.00 million

TOTAL \$124.02 million

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):
Eight (8) M2HB .50 Caliber Machine Guns.

Non-MDE:

Also included are Mk-V Fast Patrol Boats, Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) Systems, MLG 27mm Gun Systems,

27mm ammunition, 27mm target practice ammunition, .50 Caliber ammunition, support equipment, publications, technical documentation, personnel training, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, in-country support, technical and logistics support services.

(iv) *Military Department:* Navy

(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*: 19 AUG 2016.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Qatar—Mk-V Fast Patrol Boat

The Government of Qatar has requested:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): Eight (8) M2HB .50 Caliber Machine Guns.

Non-MDE:

Also included are Mk-V Fast Patrol Boats, Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) Systems, MLG 27mm Gun Systems, 27mm ammunition, 27mm target practice ammunition, .50 Caliber ammunition, support equipment, publications, technical documentation, personnel training, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, in-country support, technical and logistics support services.

The total estimated value of MDE is \$0.02 million. The total estimated value is \$124.02 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. Qatar is an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Persian Gulf region. This proposed sale will provide Qatar with military capabilities to protect its critical sea-based infrastructure and maritime security. Qatar will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor will be United States Marine Incorporated (USMI) in Gulfport, Mississippi. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple trips by U.S. Government and contractor representatives to participate in program and technical reviews, system integration, as well as training and maintenance support in country for a period of five (5) years.

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

Transmittal No. 16–29

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology*:

1. The Mk-V fast patrol boat is approximately twenty-eight meters (28) long with an approximate beam of six (6) meters powered by MTU diesel engines with a waterjet drive. It has a top speed of forty-five (45) knots. The MK-V is outfitted with a stern launchable inflatable boat. The MK-V is outfitted with unclassified commercial off-the-shelf navigation to include magnetic compass, fluxgate compass, gyro compass, Global Positioning System (GPS), electronic chart plotter, anemometer, navigation radar, navigation lights, navigation horn siren, and other electrical and non-electronic navigation aids. The MK-V utilizes commercial communications to include high frequency (HF), and very high frequency (VHF) communication radio systems, intercom system, boat horn and blue strobe Jaw enforcement lights. The overall classification level of the vessel is UNCLASSIFIED.

2. A determination has been made that the Government of Qatar can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

3. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Qatar.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD–2013–OS–0072]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: United States Military Entrance Processing Command (USMEPCOM), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Military Personnel Policy), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the United States Military Entrance Processing Command (USMEPCOM), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Military

Personnel Policy) announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 21, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

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

- *Mail*: Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Alexandria, VA 22350–1700.

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.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the HQ USMEPCOM Program Analysis and Evaluation Directorate, ATTN: Mr. Donald Wnuk, 2834 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, IL 60064–3094; call at 847–688–3680, Extension 7235, or email at donald.j.wnuk.civ@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: