

## BILLING CODE 5001-06-C

Transmittal No. 17-23

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:* United Kingdom

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment* ..	\$887 million
Other .....	\$148 million

Total .....	\$1.035 billion
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(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:*

*Major Defense Equipment (MDE):* Two thousand seven hundred forty-seven (2,747) Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTV)

*Non-MDE:* Also included with this request are baseline integration kits, basic issue item kits, B-kit armor, engine arctic kits, fording kits, run-flat kits, spare tire kits, silent watch kits, power expansion kits cargo cover kits, maintainer and operator training, U.S. government technical assistance and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Army

(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:* July 10, 2017

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

## POLICY JUSTIFICATION

*United Kingdom—Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTV) and Accessories*

The Government of the United Kingdom (UK) has requested a possible sale of up to two thousand seven hundred forty-seven (2,747) Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTV). This possible sale also includes baseline integration kits, basic issue item kits, B-kit armor, engine arctic kits, fording kits, run-flat kits, spare tire kits, silent watch kits, power expansion kits cargo cover kits, maintainer and operator training, U.S. government technical assistance and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. Total estimated cost is \$1.035 billion.

This proposed sale supports the foreign policy and national security policies of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO ally

which has been, and continues to be, an important partner on critical foreign policy and defense issues.

The proposed sale will help improve the UK's Light Tactical Vehicle Fleet and enhance its ability to meet current and future threats. The UK will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

The proposed sale will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor of this sale will be Oshkosh Defense, LLC, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The procured items will require minimum contractor support until the foreign customer can eventually transition to internal organic support. There is no known offset agreement associated with this proposed sale.

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. This sale will involve the release of sensitive technology to the Government of the United Kingdom. The Joint Light Tactical Vehicle platform is classified as SECRET. The Joint Light Tactical Vehicle fleet will incorporate ballistic armor kits for protection from improvised explosive devices.

2. Sensitive and/or classified (up to SECRET) elements of the proposed Joint Light Tactical Vehicle include hardware and accessories, components and associated software: baseline integration kits, basic issue items, ballistic-kit armor, engine arctic kits, fording kits, run-flat kits, silent watch energy kits, power expansion kits and cargo covering kits.

3. A determination has been made that the United Kingdom can provide substantially the same degree of protection for this technology as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary in furtherance of U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

## Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Notice of Availability of The Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study—Brandon Road Draft Integrated Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement—Will County, Illinois**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has posted *The Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study—Brandon Road Draft Integrated Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement—Will County, Illinois* (GLMRIS-Brandon Road Report) on <http://glmr.is.anl.gov>. The GLMRIS—Brandon Road Report presents a plan to address the transfer of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) from the Mississippi River Basin to the Great Lakes Basin through an aquatic connection in the Chicago Area Waterway System. The purpose of this study is to evaluate structural and nonstructural options and technologies near the Brandon Road Lock and Dam to prevent the upstream transfer of ANS. USACE analyzed and evaluated available controls to address ANS of concern and formulated alternatives specifically for the Brandon Road site. USACE also evaluated the potential impacts of the alternatives and ways to minimize such impacts.

USACE conducted the GLMRIS-Brandon Road Study in consultation with other Federal agencies, Native American tribes, state agencies, local governments, non-governmental organizations, and industry.

**DATES:** There will be a 45-day public review period for comments on this document beginning Monday August 7, 2017, through Thursday September 21, 2017. Comments will be accepted through the GLMRIS project Web site at <http://glmr.is.anl.gov>, by letter and at public meetings. Public meeting dates and locations are to be determined. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on how to submit public comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or questions about GLMRIS-Brandon Road, please contact Andrew Leichty, Program Manager, by mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, Clock Tower Building (ATTN: Leichty), P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204-2004, by phone: 309-794-5399; or by email: [Andrew.L.Leichty@usace.army.mil](mailto:Andrew.L.Leichty@usace.army.mil).

For media inquiries, please contact Allen Marshall, District Spokesperson, by mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, Clock Tower Building (ATTN: Marshall), P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204-2004, by phone: 309-794-5204; or by email: [Allen.A.Marshall@usace.army.mil](mailto:Allen.A.Marshall@usace.army.mil).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 1. Background

The GLMRIS authority directed USACE to identify the range of options and technologies available to prevent the spread of ANS between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins through the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and other aquatic pathways. The goal of the GLMRIS-Brandon Road Study is to prevent the upstream transfer of ANS while minimizing impacts to existing waterways uses and users. USACE conducted the GLMRIS-Brandon Road Study in consultation with other Federal agencies, Native American tribes, state agencies, local governments, non-governmental organizations, and industry.

##### 2. The GLMRIS-Brandon Road Report

The GLMRIS-Brandon Road Report identified six potential alternatives including no new action (continuing current efforts), a nonstructural alternative, three technology alternatives using an electric barrier and/or complex noise, and lock closure. The effectiveness of these alternatives was considered against the three different modes of ANS transport—swimming, floating, and hitchhiking. Selection of the Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) required careful evaluation of each alternative's 1. reduction in the probability of establishment in the Great Lakes Basin; 2. life safety risk; 3. system performance robustness; and 4. costs, which include construction, mitigation, operation and maintenance, repair, replacement and rehabilitation, and navigation impacts. The evaluation also included careful consideration of cost effectiveness and incremental cost analyses; significance of the Great Lakes Basin ecosystem; and acceptability, completeness, efficiency, and effectiveness. The GLMRIS-Brandon Road Report identifies potential adverse impacts that alternatives may have on existing uses and users of the waterways. Based on the results of the evaluation and comparison of the alternatives, the TSP is the Technology Alternative—Complex Noise with Electric Barrier, which includes the following measures: Nonstructural measures, complex noise, water jets, engineered channel, electric barrier,

flushing lock, boat ramps, and mooring area.

##### 3. Public Participation

USACE will accept comments related to the GLMRIS-Brandon Road Report until September 21, 2017. Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- *GLMRIS Project Web site:* Use the web comment function found at <http://glmris.anl.gov>.
- *Mail:* Send comments to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District, ATTN: GLMRIS-Brandon Road Comments, 231 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60604. Comments must be postmarked by September 21, 2017.
- *Public Meetings:* Public meeting dates, times and locations are to be determined; USACE asks those wanting to make oral comments to register on the GLMRIS project Web site at <http://glmris.anl.gov>. Each individual wishing to make oral comments shall be given three (3) minutes, and a stenographer will document oral comments.

Public meetings will begin with a brief presentation regarding the study and the formulated alternatives followed by an oral comment period. During each meeting, USACE personnel will also collect written comments on comment cards. Additional information about public meetings including dates, times and locations will be posted on the GLMRIS project Web site at <http://glmris.anl.gov> as soon as that information is available.

Comments, including the names and addresses of those that comment, received during the comment period will be posted on the GLMRIS project Web site. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted, considered, and posted. Commenters may indicate that they do not wish to have their name or other personal information made available on the Web site. However, USACE cannot guarantee that information withheld from the Web site will be maintained as confidential. Persons requesting confidentially should be aware that, under the Freedom of Information Act, confidentiality may be granted in only limited circumstances.

##### 4. Authority

This action is being undertaken pursuant to the Water Resources and Development Act of 2007, Section 3061(d), Public Law 110-114, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*, as amended.

Dated: July 28, 2017.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2017-ICCD-0075]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; U.S. Department of Education Supplemental Information for the SF-424 Form

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 6, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2017-ICCD-0075. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number 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 216-32, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Alfreida Pettiford, 202-245-6110.

**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