

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 17–30]

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 an arms sales notification.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 36(b)(1) arms sales notification is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104–164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 17–30 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: August 2, 2017.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

Transmittal No. 17–30

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:* The Government of Switzerland(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment * ..	\$25 million
Other	\$90 million
Total	\$115 million

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

The following defense articles and services have been requested as part of a Service Life Extension Program for Switzerland's F/A–18C/D aircraft:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): Up to fifty (50) Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio System (MIDS JTRS) with Concurrent Multi-Net 4 (CMN–4) Capability

Non-MDE includes: Fifty (50) ARC–210 GEN 5 RT–1900A(C) radios w/ Second Generation Anti-Jam Tactical UHF Radio for NATO (SATURN)

frequency hopping; twenty (20) Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing System (JHMCS) Night Vision Cueing Display (NVCD); CIT Automated Dependence Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS–B) Out; software enhancements to the APG–73 radar; improvements to the F/A–18 Software Configuration Set (SCS) 29C; and sustainment for the ALQ–165 Airborne Self Protection Jammer (ASPJ) system. Operational support for these modifications will be provided through upgrades to the purchaser's unique Mission Data System. Also included are: system integration and testing; software development and integration; support equipment; spare and repair parts; maintenance personnel and pilot familiarization training; software support; publications and technical documents; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Navy (XX–P–LAS)(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:* SZ–P–LAN(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 28, 2017.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Government of Switzerland—F/A–18 Upgrades

The Government of Switzerland has requested the possible sale of a Service Life Extension Program for its F/A–18C/D aircraft to include up to fifty (50) Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio System (MIDS JTRS) with Concurrent Multi-Net 4 (CMN–4) capability; fifty (50) ARC–210 GEN 5 RT–1900A(C) radios w/Second Generation Anti-Jam Tactical UHF Radio for NATO (SATURN) frequency hopping; twenty (20) Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing System (JHMCS) Night Vision Cueing Display (NVCD); CIT Automated Dependence Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS–B) Out; software enhancements to the APG–73 radar; improvements to the F/A–18 Software Configuration Set (SCS) 29C; and sustainment for the

ALQ–165 Airborne Self Protection Jammer (ASPJ) system. Operational support for these modifications will be provided through upgrades to the purchaser's unique Mission Data System. Also included are: System integration and testing; software development and integration; support equipment; spare and repair parts; maintenance personnel and pilot familiarization training; software support; publications and technical documents; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total case value is \$115 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of Switzerland which has been, and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe. Switzerland is also a member of the NATO Partnership for Peace (PfP) program.

The proposed sale will allow the Swiss Air Force to extend the useful life of its F/A–18 fighter aircraft and enhance their survivability. Further, the proposed sale will increase Switzerland's tactical aviation operational capabilities. Switzerland will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment and support 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 the Boeing Company, McDonnell Douglas Corporation, St. Louis, MO; Data Link Solutions LLC, Wayne, NJ; Rockwell Collins, Cedar Rapids, IA; Rockwell Collins ESA Vision System LLC, Fort Worth, TX. There are no known offset agreements associated with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government personnel or contractor representatives to Switzerland. However, multiple trips to Switzerland involving U.S. Government and contractor representatives will be required for technical reviews/support, and program management.

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



DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
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JUL 28 2017

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
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. 17-30, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Switzerland for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$115 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,

Gregory M. Kausner
Acting Director

Enclosures:

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



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Annex Item No. vii

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. The hardware and software being purchased is being used to upgrade Switzerland's existing F/A-18C/D Hornet aircraft. Description and classification of the hardware and software being purchased are detailed in the following paragraphs.

a. The MIDS/JTRS with CMN-4 is a secure, scalable, modular, wireless, and jam-resistant digital information system currently providing Tactical Air Navigation (TACAN), Link-16, and J-Voice to airborne, ground, and maritime joint and coalition warfighting

platforms. MIDS provides real-time and low-cost information and situational awareness via digital and voice, communications within the JTRS Enterprise. The MIDS/JTRS hardware is UNCLASSIFIED. The MIDS/JTRS software requires a crypto key be loaded in order to function. The crypto key required for operation is a Controlled Cryptographic Item (CCI).

b. The ARC-210 GEN 5 RT-1990A(C) is a digital radio capable of transmit and receipt of Digital Communication System, Variable Message Format (DCS/VMF) encrypted data messages. The RT-1990 hardware is UNCLASSIFIED. The RT 1900 software requires a crypto key be loaded in order to function. The crypto key required for operation is a Controlled Cryptographic Item (CCI).

c. The AN/AVS-11 Night Vision Cueing Device (NVCD) is UNCLASSIFIED but is capable of high resolution imaging. This capability allows reduced visibility weapon delivery using Switzerland's F/A-18C/D aircraft. While the NVCD hardware is UNCLASSIFIED, this item requires Enhanced End Use Monitoring (EEUM).

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 weapons systems effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

3. A determination has been made that the Government of Switzerland can provide substantially the same degree of

protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary to the furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the policy justification.

4. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of Switzerland.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2017-ICCD-0066]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006

AGENCY: Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

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

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 7, 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-0066. 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 John Haigh, 202-245-7735.

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 the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006.

OMB Control Number: 1830-0569.

Type of Review: A revision of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 55.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 9,020.

Abstract: The purpose of this information collection package—the Consolidated Annual Report (CAR)—is to gather narrative, financial, and performance data as required by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV). Perkins IV requires the Secretary to provide the appropriate committees of Congress copies of annual reports received by the Department from each eligible agency that receives funds under the Act. The Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) will determine each State's compliance with basic provisions of Perkins IV and the Education Department General Administrative Regulations [Annual Performance Report] and Part 80.41 [Financial Status Report]. OCTAE will review performance data to determine whether, and to what extent, each State has met

its State adjusted levels of performance for the core indicators described in section 113(b)(4) of Perkins IV.

Dated: August 3, 2017.

Stephanie Valentine,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket ID ED-2017-FSA-0056]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of a new and rescinded system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act), the Department of Education (Department) publishes this notice of a new system of records entitled "Integrated Partner Management" (IPM) system (18-11-21), and a rescinded system of records entitled "Postsecondary Education Participants System" (PEPS) (18-11-09).

DATES: Submit your comments on this proposed new and rescinded system of records notice on or before September 7, 2017.

The Department has filed a report describing the new system of records covered by this notice with the Chair of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the Chair of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Acting Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), on July 7, 2017. This new and rescinded system of records will become effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** on August 8, 2017, unless the new and rescinded system of records needs to be changed as a result of public comment or OMB review. The routine uses listed under "ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES" will become effective on September 7, 2017, unless the new system of records notice needs to be revised as a result of OMB review or public comment. The Department will publish any changes to the system of records or routine uses that result from public comment or OMB review.