The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

SUPPORTING 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 20–50 with attached Policy Justification.


Aaron T. Siegel,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-209, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515  

Dear Madam 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. 20-50 concerning the Air Force’s proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Jordan for defense articles and services estimated to cost $60 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,

Heidi H. Grant  
Director

Enclosures:
1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification
3. Regional Balance (Classified document provided under separate cover)

Transmittal No. 20–50
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 Jordan
(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment * .. $ 0 million  
Other ...................................... $60 million
Total ................................... $60 million

Funding Source: Foreign Military Financing (FMF)
(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: Foreign Military Sales Case JO–D–QBN A2, implemented on January 22, 2018, for an F–16 Air Combat Training Center at $51.2 million, was at the time below congressional notification threshold. Jordan has requested the case be amended to include additional devices and support. This amendment will push the case above Jordan’s current notification threshold and thus requires notification of the entire case.  

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None
Non-MDE: Includes an F–16 Air Combat Training Center and Devices comprised of full mission trainers, combat tactics trainers, instructor/operator stations, tactical environment simulators, brief/debrief stations,
The Government of Jordan has requested to buy an F–16 Air Combat Training Center and Devices including full mission trainers, combat tactics trainers, instructor/operator stations, tactical environment simulators, brief/debrief stations, scenario generation stations, database generation stations, mission observation centers, and other training center equipment and support; software and software support; publications and technical documentation; maintenance, spares and repair parts and services; U.S. and contractor engineering, technical, and logistical support services; and other related elements of program support. The estimated total cost is $60 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a Major Non-NATO Ally that is an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale will improve Jordan’s capability to meet current and future threats by ensuring Jordan’s pilots are effectively trained, which will contribute to the U.S.-Jordan lasting partnership and ensure the country’s stability, a critical element to broader U.S. regional policy goals. Jordan will use this asset to enhance training of pilots. Jordan will have no difficulty absorbing these training center assets and simulators into its armed forces.

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

The proposed sale will require the assignment of two U.S. Lockheed Martin contractor representatives to Jordan for a duration of 2 years to support training.

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