

II. Agenda

The ARC will discuss broad policy matters related to the Bureau's Research Agenda and general scope of authority.

If you require any additional reasonable accommodations(s) in order to attend this event, please contact the Reasonable Accommodations team at CFPB_ReasonableAccommodations@cfpb.gov 48 hours prior to the start of this event.

Written comments will be accepted from interested members of the public and should be sent to CFPB_CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov, a minimum of seven (7) days in advance of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the ARC members for consideration. Individuals who wish to attend this meeting must RSVP via this link https://surveys.consumerfinance.gov/jfe/form/SV_czLnrnHtCNwPrf0.

III. Availability

The Council's agenda will be made available to the public on Friday, May 24, 2024, via consumerfinance.gov.

A recording and summary of this meeting will be available after the meeting on the Bureau's website consumerfinance.gov.

Jocelyn Sutton,

Deputy Chief of Staff, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 22-28]

Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Arms sales notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Neil Hedlund at neil.g.hedlund.civ@mail.mil or (703) 697-9214.

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 22-28 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: May 15, 2024.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
201 12TH STREET SOUTH, SUITE 101
ARLINGTON, VA 22202-5408

May 26, 2022

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. 22-28, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$385 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,

James A. Hursch
James A. Hursch
Director

Enclosures:

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

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Transmittal No. 22-28

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 Australia

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment * ..	\$350 million
Other	\$ 35 million
TOTAL	\$385 million

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):
Twenty (20) M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS)
Thirty (30) M30A2 Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System (GMLRS)
Thirty (30) Alternative Warhead (AW) Pods with Insensitive Munitions Propulsion Systems (IMPS)
Thirty (30) M31A2 GMLRS Unitary (GMLRS-U) High Explosive Pods with IMPS

Thirty (30) XM403 Extended Range (ER)-GMLRS AW Pods
Thirty (30) EM404 ER GMLRS Unitary Pods
Ten (10) M57 Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS)
Non-MDE:
Also included are Reduced Range Practice Rocket Pods (RRPRP); Vehicular Intercom System (AN/VIC-3) 3-Station; radio communication mounts; machine gun mounts; battle management system vehicle integration kits;

wheel guards; ruggedized laptops; training equipment publications; spare and repair parts; support equipment; tools; test equipment; technical data; U.S. Government and Contractor support; technical and logistical support services; and other related elements of program and logistic support.

(iv) *Military Department*: Army (AT–B–UMK)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any*: AT–B–UMJ, AT–B–UKI

(vi) *Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid*: None known at this time

(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*: May 26, 2022

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Australia—HIMARS Launchers

The Government of Australia has requested to buy twenty (20) M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS); thirty (30) M30A2 Guided Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (GMLRS); thirty (30) Alternative Warhead (AW) Pods with Insensitive Munitions Propulsion Systems (IMPS); thirty (30) M31A2 GMLRS Unitary (GMLRS–U) High Explosive Pods with IMPS; thirty (30) XM403 Extended Range (ER)–GMLRS AW Pods; thirty (30) EM404 ER GMLRS Unitary Pods; and ten (10) M57 Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS). Also included are Reduced Range Practice Rocket Pods (RRPRP); Vehicular Intercom System (AN/VIC–3) 3-Station; radio communication mounts; machine gun mounts; battle management system vehicle integration kits; wheel guards; ruggedized laptops; training equipment publications; spare and repair parts; support equipment; tools; test equipment; technical data; U.S. Government and Contractor support; technical and logistical support services; and other related elements of program and logistic support. The total estimated program cost is \$385 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States. Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist our ally in

developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

The proposed sale will improve Australia's capability to meet current and future threats, and will enhance interoperability with U.S. forces and other allied forces. Australia will use the capability to strengthen its homeland defense and provide greater security for its critical infrastructure. Australia will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment 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 Lockheed Martin Inc., Bethesda, MD; Chelton Inc., Marlow, United Kingdom; and L3 Harris Corp., Melbourne, FL. The purchaser typically requests offsets. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor(s).

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of two (2) U.S. Government and five (5) U.S. contractor representatives in Australia for a period of one year.

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. The M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) is a C–130 transportable wheeled launcher mounted on a 5-ton Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles truck chassis. HIMARS is the modern Army-fielded version of the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) M270 launcher, and can fire all of the MLRS Family of Munitions (FOM) including Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System (GMLRS) variants and the Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS). Utilizing the MLRS FOM, the HIMARS can engage targets between 15 and 300 kilometers with Global Positioning System (GPS)-aided precision accuracy.

2. The M31A2 GMLRS Unitary is the Army's primary munition for units fielding the M142 HIMARS and M270A1 MLRS Launchers. The M31 Unitary is a solid propellant artillery rocket that uses GPS/Precise Positioning Service (PPS)-aided inertial guidance to accurately and quickly deliver a single high-explosive blast fragmentation warhead to targets at ranges from 15–70 kilometers. The rockets are fired from a

launch pod container that also serves as the storage and transportation container for the rockets. Each rocket pod holds six (6) total rockets.

3. The M30A2 GMLRS Alternative Warhead shares a greater than 90% commonality with the M31A1 Unitary. The primary difference between the GMLRS–U and GMLRS–AW is the replacement of the Unitary's high explosive warhead with a 200-pound fragmentation warhead of pre-formed tungsten penetrators which is optimized for effectiveness against large area and imprecisely located targets. The munitions otherwise share a common motor, GPS/PPS-aided inertial guidance and control system, fusing mechanism, multi-option height of burst capability, and effective range of 15–70km.

4. The M57 ATACMS–Unitary is a conventional, semi-ballistic missile that utilizes a 500-pound high explosive warhead. It has an effective range of between 70 and 300 kilometers, and has increased lethality and accuracy over previous versions of the ATACMS due to a GPS/PPS aided navigation system.

5. The Extended Range (ER) GMLRS provides a persistent, responsive, all-weather, rapidly deployed, long range, surface-to surface, area- and point-precision strike capability. The XM403 Alternative Warhead (AW) carries a 200-pound fragmentation assembly filled with high explosives which, upon detonation, accelerates two layers of preformed penetrators optimized for effectiveness against large area and imprecisely located targets. The XM404 Unitary variant is a 200-pound class unitary with a steel blast-fragmentation case, designed for low collateral damage against point targets. The ER GMLRS maintains the accuracy and effectiveness demonstrated by the baseline GMLRS out to a maximum range of 150 km while also including a new Height of Burst (HOB) capability.

6. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

7. If a technologically 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.

8. A determination has been made that Australia 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 the U.S. foreign policy and national security

objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the DoD Military Family Readiness Council (MFRC) will take place.

DATES: Open to the public, Thursday, May 30, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held by videoconference. Participant access information will be provided after registering. (Pre-meeting registration is required. See guidance in

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION, “Meeting Accessibility”).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vesen L. Thompson, (703) 571–2360 (voice), OSD Pentagon OUSD P–R Mailbox Family Readiness Council, osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil (Email). Mailing address: Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Community & Family Policy), 1500 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–1500, Room 5A726. Website: <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/those-who-support-mfrc>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Department of Defense, the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102–3.150(a) concerning its May 30, 2024 meeting. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement. This meeting is being held under the provisions of chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) (commonly known as the “Federal Advisory Committee Act” or “FACA”), 5 U.S.C.

552b (commonly known as the “Government in the Sunshine Act”), and title 41, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), section 102–3.140, and section 102–3.155.

Availability of Materials for the Meeting: Additional information, including the agenda or any updates to the agenda, is available at the DoD MFRC website: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/mfrc>.

Materials presented in the meeting may also be obtained on the DoD MFRC website.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is for the DoD MFRC to receive briefings and have discussions on topics related to Military Family Readiness Programs and Activities.

Agenda: Thursday, May 30, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.—Welcome, Introductions, Announcements, Briefings on Changes to Healthcare Policy and Implication for Military Families.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, this meeting is open to the public from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on May 30, 2024. The meeting will be held by videoconference. The number of participants is limited and is on a first-come basis. All members of the public who wish to participate must register by contacting DoD MFRC at (osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil) or by contacting Mr. Vesen Thompson at (703) 571–2360 (voice), no later than Monday, May 27, 2024. Once registered, the web address and/or audio number will be provided.

Special Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact Mr. Vesen Thompson no later than Monday, May 27, 2024, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, interested persons may submit a written statement to the DoD MFRC; however, email submissions are preferred. Persons interested in providing a written statement for review and consideration by DoD MFRC members attending the May 30, 2024, meeting, are encouraged to do so at osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil. Written statements received after this date will be provided to DoD MFRC members in preparation for the next MFRC meeting. The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) will review all timely submissions and ensure submitted written statements are provided to DoD MFRC members prior to the meeting that is subject to this notice. The DFO will review all timely

submissions with the DoD MFRC Chair and ensure they are provided to the members of the DoD MFRC.

Those who make submissions are requested to avoid including personally identifiable information such as names of adults and children, phone numbers, addresses, Social Security Numbers and other contact information within the body of the written statement.

Dated: May 13, 2024.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD–2024–OS–0020]

Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratory Personnel Demonstration Project Program

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (USD(R&E)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: This notice provides new authorities to all Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratory (STRL) Personnel Demonstration (Demo) Projects.

SUMMARY: STRLs may implement innovative approaches to attract and retain exceptional talent who are participating in Demo projects. The flexibilities described herein allow the STRLs to better manage their workforce by authorizing: flexible extended temporary promotion and temporary reassignment for supervisory and team leader positions; a recruitment incentive in the form of time-off awards (time off from duty without loss of pay or charge to leave); retention counter-offers for high performing employees in scientific, technical, or administrative positions; and certain awards management authorities for STRL directors. The flexibilities and procedures described herein are in addition to and do not supersede or cancel flexibilities described in previously published STRL **Federal Register** Notices (FRNs).

DATES: Implementation of this **Federal Register** notice will begin no earlier than May 21, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Department of Defense:
 • Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Defense Research Enterprise: Dr. Jagadeesh Pamulapati, 571–372–6372, Jagadeesh.Pamulapati.civ@mail.mil.