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Transmittal No. 24–79

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 India

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment*	..	\$	0
Other		\$52.8 million	

TOTAL	\$52.8 million
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Funding Source: National Funds

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

None

Non-MDE:

AN/SSQ–53G High Altitude Anti-Submarine Warfare (HAASW) sonobuoys; AN/SSQ–62F HAASW sonobuoys; AN/SSQ–36 sonobuoys; technical and publications and data documentation; United States (U.S.) Government and contractor engineering and technical support; and other related elements of logistics and program services and support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Navy (IN–P–ABW)

(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:* August 23, 2024

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

India—Anti-Submarine Warfare Sonobuoys

The Government of India has requested to buy AN/SSQ–53G High Altitude Anti-Submarine Warfare (HAASW) sonobuoys; AN/SSQ–62F HAASW sonobuoys; AN/SSQ–36 sonobuoys; technical and publications and data documentation; U.S. Government and contractor engineering and technical support; and other related elements of logistics and program services and support. The estimated total cost is \$52.8 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the U.S. by helping to strengthen the U.S.-India strategic relationship and improving the security of a major defense partner which continues to be an important force for political stability, peace, and economic

progress in the Indo-Pacific and South Asia regions.

The proposed sale will improve India’s capability to meet current and future threats by enhancing its capacity to conduct anti-submarine warfare operations from its MH–60R helicopters. India 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 contractor(s) will be Sparton Corporation, located in De Leon Springs, FL, or Undersea Sensor Systems Inc. (USSI), located in Columbia City, IN, or a combination of both. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to India.

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. Sonobuoys are air launched, expendable, electro-mechanical sensors designed to relay underwater sounds to remote processors. Sonobuoys are an effective and affordable anti-submarine warfare (ASW) capability for the airborne ASW warfighter.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is Controlled Unclassified Information.

3. 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.

4. A determination has been made that India 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.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been

authorized for release and export to the Government of India.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Removing Support for the National Definition of a Zero Emissions Building

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy is removing support for the National Definition of a Zero Emissions Building guidance document to comply with directions provided in various Executive orders.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Hayes Jones, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Office, EE–5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585–0121. Telephone: (202) 256–9934. Email: hayes.jones@ee.doe.gov.

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I. Background

On June 4th, 2024, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) issued the National Definition of a Zero Emissions Building. The definition is not a regulatory standard and is not legally binding; it was intended to provide guidance and criteria that public and private entities might voluntarily choose to adopt to determine whether a building had zero greenhouse gas emissions from operational energy use. The goals that underly the National Definition of a Zero Emissions Building are not consistent with current Administration priorities, and, as a result, DOE no longer supports the definition. In addition, DOE discourages states, municipalities, and standards-setting organizations from using and referencing the definition. The definition is no longer on the DOE website and DOE will not provide any technical assistance related to the definition.

II. Discussion

As outlined in Executive Order 14154, “Unleashing American Energy,” agencies are required to, “review all existing regulations, orders, guidance documents, policies, settlements,

consent orders, and any other agency actions (collectively, agency actions) to identify those agency actions that impose an undue burden on the identification, development, or use of domestic energy resources.” 90 FR 8353. As part of that review, DOE has identified the National Definition of a Zero Emissions Building as a guidance document that does not align with Administration priorities.

The Request for Information (RFI) for the development of the National Definition of a Zero Emissions Building suggests that a key impetus for the development of the standard was the Biden-Harris Administration’s goal of a, “net-zero emissions, economy-wide, by 2050 and a 100% clean energy electricity sector by 2035.” 89 FR 1086. These goals were detailed in the February 2021 Executive Order 14008, “Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad.” 86 FR 7619. However, Executive Order 14008 was rescinded through President Trump’s January 2025 Executive Order 14148, “Initial Rescission of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions.” 90 FR 8237. Thus, the goals outlined in Executive Order 14008 are no longer applicable and a guidance document that would support those goals, such as the National Definition of a Zero Emissions Building, is no longer needed.

The RFI also indicates that the definition would help advance the environmental justice goals outlined Executive Order 14096, “Revitalizing Our Nation’s Commitment to Environmental Justice for All.” 88 FR 25251. However, this Executive order no longer applies as it was also rescinded through the Trump Administration’s, Executive Order 14148 “Initial Rescission of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions,” which identified diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) as having corrupted institutions by “replacing hard work, merit, and equality with a divisive and dangerous preferential hierarchy.” 90 FR 8237. Thus, the goals outlined in Executive Order 14096 are no longer applicable and a guidance document that would support those goals, such as the National Definition of a Zero Emissions Building, is no longer needed.

Additionally, removing support for the National Definition of Zero Emission Building is consistent with the Secretarial Order on “Unleashing the Golden Era of American Energy Dominance,” which directs DOE actions in response to President Trump’s Executive orders to unleash American Energy. The Secretarial Order is broadly unsupportive of net-zero policies under the belief that they “raise energy costs

for American families and businesses, threaten the reliability of our energy system, and undermine our energy and national security.”¹ The Department recommends that state or local government agencies and standard-setting bodies stop referencing or otherwise citing the national definition.

III. Approval of the Office of the Secretary

The Secretary of Energy has approved publication of this notice.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on November 19, 2025, by Audrey Robertson, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 1, 2025.

Jennifer Hartzell,

*Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer,
U.S. Department of Energy.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before February 2, 2026. If you anticipate any difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in the

¹ Secretary Wright Acts to “Unleash Golden Era of American Energy Dominance” Department of Energy, <https://www.energy.gov/articles/secretary-wright-acts-unleash-golden-era-american-energy-dominance>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Yohanna Freeman, PRA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585–1615, or by email at DOEPRA@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yohanna Freeman, PRA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; DOEPRA@hq.doe.gov; (202) 586–2255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This information collection request contains:

- (1) *OMB No.*: 1910–5160;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title*: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery;
- (3) *Type of Request*: Extension;
- (4) *Purpose*: The information collection activity provides a means to garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Department’s commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute