

Tekfusion Global, Williamsburg, VA; Harris, Melbourne, FL; and Fulcrum Concepts, Mattaponi, VA. There are no known offset agreements associated with this proposed sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require approximately 17 contractor representatives to travel to Iraq in support of this effort. The GOI desires Contractor Logistics Support (CLS) presence in country.

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 18-41

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Bell 407GX Multi-Role Helicopter weapon system contains communications and target identification equipment, navigation equipment, aircraft survivability equipment, displays, and sensors. The airframe itself does not contain sensitive technology, however the pertinent equipment listed below will be either installed on the aircraft or included in the sale:

a. The Harris Falcon III RF-7850A Secure Communication Radio is a Multi-Channel Airborne Networking Radio that offers multi-channel and multiband capabilities. It integrates into a wide variety of platforms to support multiple missions, waveforms and modes of operation and provides two wide-band channels. The Harris Multi-channel Airborne Radio extends battlefield networks Beyond-Line-Of-Sight through tactical VHF/UHF networks to provide extended range and secure air-to-air and air-to-ground communications. The Harris Falcon III hardware is a commercial variant radio and the highest level of information that would be released in support of this transfer is at the UNCLASSIFIED level.

b. The AN/AAR-60 MILDS Automatic Plume Detector is a Missile Launch Detection System (MILDS)/Airborne Missile Protection System (AMPS) or AMPS-M and is based on the off-the-shelf product MILDS AN/AAR-60 UV-Sensor Units and features a MILDS Control and Display Unit (MCDU), an Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) and Smart Dispensers (SD). The MILDS AMPS represents a complete Missile Protection System and will be used for stand alone installation and operation of an integrated missile warning and Counter Measures dispensing in helicopters. The highest level of information release in support of this transfer is at the UNCLASSIFIED level.

c. The M3P .50 Cal machine gun is a fully automatic .50 Cal (12.7x99mm NATO) machine gun specifically designed to be axially or coaxially mounted in pod or open-air gun configurations for airborne, land or sea weapon system applications. The M3P is a world exclusivity by FN Herstal and offers high firing rate for short time on target: 1,025 ± 75 RPM. The highest level of information release in support of this transfer is at the UNCLASSIFIED level.

d. The M260 Rocket Launcher with APKWS capability is a seven tube rocket launcher with a remote fuze setting function. Once the target is located, single or multiple pairs of the Hydra 70 APKWS folding-fin rockets can be launched toward the target when a predetermined time signal is sent to the electronic time fuze. The highest level of information release in support of this transfer is at the UNCLASSIFIED level.

e. The M240 is a general-purpose machine gun that uses 7.62 mm NATO ammunition. It can be mounted on a bipod, tripod, aircraft, or vehicle. The M240 is a belt-fed, air-cooled, gas-operated, fully automatic machine gun

that fires from the open bolt position. The highest level of information release in support of this transfer is at the UNCLASSIFIED level.

f. The MX-15Di EO/IR sensor is a multi-sensor imaging/lasing that can provide medium-altitude; Covert Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance (ISR), Armed Reconnaissance, CSAR and Target Designation missions. MX-15Di has HD imaging resolution from Electro-Optical (EO) and Infrared (IR) cameras, Short-wave IR imaging, Laser rangefinder/designator 3 laser illuminator. The highest level of information release in support of this transfer is at the UNCLASSIFIED level.

g. The GAU-19 machine is a low-cost weapon system that is designed to accept standard NATO .50 caliber M9-linked ammunition with a rate of fire of 1300 rounds per minute. The weapon provides highly effective firepower against area suppression and point targets, as well as being ideally suited for utility, scout and attack helicopters. The highest level of information release in support of this transfer is at the UNCLASSIFIED level.

h. The Pathfinder Mission Management System (MMS) is a modular customizable system that provides command and control of onboard navigation, communication, and peripheral electronic equipment. During target engagements, locations and range to target is passed from Pathfinder to the weapons management system. The highest level of information release in support of this transfer is at the UNCLASSIFIED level.

i. The ARES Weapons Management System (WMS) is a modular weapons management system that uses the aircraft's EO/IR monitor as the WMS interface using a touchscreen graphical user interface (GUI). The system is fully integrated with the MX-15Di sensors critical EO/IR functions that can be controlled through the user interface. The system provides aircraft steering commands and targeting overlays to guide the pilot into the proper launch constraints by consolidating mission execution tasks. The highest level of information release in support of this transfer is at the UNCLASSIFIED level.

j. The Mission Configurable Armament System (MCAS) is a plank type weapons mounting system. The MCAS was developed as a lightweight, high strength, multi-purpose, multi-airframe weapons platform utilizing up to 6 weapon stations. The highest level of information release in support of this transfer is at the UNCLASSIFIED level.

k. The AN/ALE-47 is a software reprogrammable dispenser for chaff and flares. It provides for either automatic or aircrew commanded response dispense capabilities. Specific dispense routines are sensitive and are specifically withheld from Iraq. The export version uses a country unique "look-up decision tree" for determining dispense routines. This software when loaded into the AN/ALE-47 is classified CONFIDENTIAL. Increased risk of exploitation is significantly reduced given that the software is in executable form only (i.e. binary code) and the actual dispense routines can be gained through visual observation, which is true for all coalition platforms flying in Iraq.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary obtained knowledge of the specific hardware or software in the proposed sale, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapons system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

3. A determination has been made that the recipient government can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the technology being released as the U.S. Gov-

ernment. This sale supports the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives as 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 Iraq.

DISCHARGE PETITION—S.J. RES. 63

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 63, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of Labor, and Secretary of Health and Human Services relating to "Short-Term, Limited Duration Insurance" and further, that the resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Jack Reed, Maria Cantwell, Jeff Merkley, Cory A. Booker, Ron Wyden, Michael F. Bennet, Tammy Baldwin, Sherrod Brown, Tammy Duckworth, Benjamin L. Cardin, Sheldon Whitehouse, Edward J. Markey, Patrick J. Leahy, Debbie Stabenow, Bill Nelson, Gary C. Peters, Richard Blumenthal, Thomas R. Carper, Margaret Wood Hassan, Robert Menendez, Jon Tester, Chris Van Hollen, Angus King, Patty Murray, Doug Jones, Claire McCaskill, Joe Donnelly, Mazie Hirono, Mark R. Warner, Amy Klobuchar, Dianne Feinstein, Tina Smith, Elizabeth Warren, Kamala D. Harris, Bernard Sanders, Christopher A. Coons, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Tom Udall, Martin Heinrich, Brian Schatz, Catherine Cortez Masto, Tim Kaine, Christopher Murphy, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Jeanne Shaheen.

TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY MCCLAIN

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor my staff director on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Anthony McClain.

Tony quietly works behind the scenes, fighting for our Nation's veterans, Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve servicemembers.

In recognition of his selfless service, the National Guard Association has awarded him the Patrick Henry Award for his "exceptionally strong support for the National Guard."

This award is presented to civilians who have distinguished themselves by superior service over an extended period of time in support of the Armed Forces.

I cannot think of a more deserving individual.

Since Tony began working in the Senate in 2004, he has worked hard to improve the lives of National guardsmen and their families. He cut his teeth as legislative assistant to Senator Blanche Lincoln, then I was lucky enough to personally hire him in 2010.

In my office, he wrote landmark legislation to expand guardsmen's access to a quality education, and he went to the mat for the Montana National Guard time and again.

Tony helped improve mental health services for guardsmen by writing legislation that strengthens access to counseling at VA facilities.

He has written several bills that break down barriers for guardsmen to utilize G.I. Bill education benefits.

When the Montana National Guard needs help with keeping their equipment and resources in fighting shape, Tony is an ally they can rely on. He helped secure additional aircraft, infrastructure, and critical upgrades such as firefighting equipment or the recently authorized C-130 apron expansion.

I could go on and on, but Tony's track record is clear.

Tony's ability to negotiate, compromise, see opportunity, and seize it is second to none. He manages and motivates his team to excel, and as a result, the lives of millions of guardsmen, Reservists, airmen, and veterans are better.

As Senators, we get to stand on the Senate floor and pass legislation. People like Tony make it look easy, but trust me it is not.

For that, Tony deserves our heartfelt gratitude. So today, on behalf of Montana and this Nation, I rise to honor Anthony McClain's service and to say, "Job well done, my friend."

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING RICHARD GRAY

• Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the life of Richard Gray.

Richard, 89, died in his sleep on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at his Gold Coast home in Chicago.

Richard was the dean of Chicago art dealers, a collector, and benefactor whose wide-ranging intellect, taste, and support helped many of the city's most celebrated cultural institutions.

Richard prevailed in the bidding wars that brought Sue, the famed T. rex, to the Field Museum, and he helped preserve the Farnsworth House, the architectural jewel in Plano, IL, designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe.

He dealt in works by Magdalena Abakanowicz, Willem de Kooning, David Hockney, Roy Lichtenstein, Louise Nevelson, Picasso, Jackson Pollock, and Mark Rothko. Today, the Richard Gray Gallery which he opened in 1963, operates from 875 N. Michigan and Manhattan. The gallery has a warehouse on West Carroll Avenue in Chicago and also deals in Old Masters.

He and his wife, the former Mary Kay Lackritz, were supporters of the Chicago Humanities Festival, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Arts Club of Chicago, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Goodman Theatre, WFMT, WTTW, and the Smart Museum of Art at the University of Chicago, among other institutions.

He was born at Woodlawn Hospital, the middle of seven kids of Pearl and Edward Gray. His father, a native of

Siedliszcze, Poland, came to America alone as a teenager and helped to start a business in Providence, RI, cleaning buildings in that then-sooty city, eventually coming to Chicago.

Richard studied architecture at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Richard is survived by his wife Mary, his son Paul and his wife Dedrea, his daughter Jennifer, his son Harry, brothers Robert and Melvin, five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Richard was a lover of the arts and a dear friend. I am proud to stand here today to honor his legacy. •

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABBE MUSEUM

• Mr. KING. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the Abbe Museum in Bar Harbor, ME, which is celebrating its 90th year of serving the public. The Abbe Museum was founded by Dr. Robert Abbe, a prominent New York physician, known for pioneering the use of radiation therapy, who spent his summers in Bar Harbor. Dr. Abbe assembled a collection of early Native American artifacts from the Frenchman Bay area and persuaded others with similar collections to join with him to establish a museum to protect and display these important objects for public education and enjoyment.

The Abbe Museum was founded in 1926 and opened to the public on August 14, 1928. It was first opened as a private museum at Sieur de Monts Spring in Lafayette National Park, later renamed Acadia National Park. That same year, the Abbe became the first institution in Maine to also sponsor archaeological research. Today, the museum continues to conduct excavations throughout the State and is now the main repository for archaeological collections from the midcoast region.

While the initial focus was archaeology, the Abbe soon expanded to include ethnographic materials from the 17th to the 20th centuries. Three years after opening, Mary Cabot Wheelwright donated an important collection of Native American baskets and other objects. Since then, other major basket collections have been given to the museum, and it is now home to the largest and best documented collection of Maine Indian basketry. The Abbe also houses collections that document 12,000 years of Native American culture and history in the State, and its conservation program has been nationally recognized as a model for other museums to follow.

Education and local involvement is also an important part of the work at the Abbe. The Abbe has developed a number of publications to share its knowledge with a larger audience. They offer many resources for local students and educators, including a summer camp for children ages 7-12, opportunities for local school groups to visit the museum, and an educator hub to help teachers bring Wabanaki his-

tory and culture into their classrooms. Recently, Native Americans have become increasingly involved in all aspects of the museum, including as members of the board of trustees.

In 2013, the Abbe was honored as the first Smithsonian Affiliate in the State of Maine. Being a part of this prestigious network, the Abbe Museum now works closely with the Smithsonian Institution to serve the public through custom developed education programs, traveling exhibitions, and collaborative research. This partnership has allowed the Abbe to take advantage of the resources of the Smithsonian Institution and bring collections that have special significance to Maine where they can be accessed by the Wabanaki communities.

I am proud to recognize the Abbe Museum for their work over the last 90 years. They have played an important role in educating the people of Maine about the Wabanaki history of our land and expanding our knowledge through research and exploration. I want to thank all those who have been involved with the Abbe Museum over the last 90 years, and I look forward to their continued success for many years to come. •

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 63. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of Labor, and Secretary of Health and Human Services relating to "Short-Term, Limited Duration Insurance".

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2418. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations that establish a national standard for determining whether mobile and broadband services available in rural areas are reasonably comparable to those services provided in urban areas (Rept. No. 115-345).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 3560. A bill to allow individuals to choose to opt out of the Medicare part A benefit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 3561. A bill to support entrepreneurs serving in the National Guard and Reserve,