

20-51 concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the United Kingdom for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$46 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.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-51

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 the United Kingdom.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment * \$42 million.

Other \$4 million.

Total \$46 million.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Three hundred ninety-five (395) AGM-114R2 Hellfire Missiles.

Non-MDE: Also included is technical assistance, publications, integration support, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (UK-B-WUG).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: UK-B-WSD, UK-B-WSA, UK-B-WQU.

(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 26, 2020.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Kingdom—Hellfire Missiles

The Government of the United Kingdom has requested to buy three hundred ninety-five (395) AGM-114R2 Hellfire missiles. Also included is technical assistance, publications, integration support, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$46 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a NATO Ally which is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve the United Kingdom's ability to meet current and future threats by replacing expiring and un-serviceable missiles and maintaining capability to execute missions across a full range of military operations. The United Kingdom will have no difficulty absorbing these missiles into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Lockheed Martin Corporation, Orlando, Florida. The purchaser typically requests offsets. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

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

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 AGM-114R2 Hellfire missile is used against heavy and light armored targets, thin skinned vehicles, urban structures, bunkers, caves and personnel. The missile is Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) based, with a variable delay fuse and improved safety and reliability. The Hellfire II multipurpose warhead variant (AGM-114R) allows selection of warhead effects corresponding to a specific target type. The AGM-114R is capable of being launched from Army rotary-wing and UAS platforms and provides the pilot increased operational flexibility.

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

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 United Kingdom 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 United Kingdom.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO CANDACE FRANKS

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today to celebrate Commissioner Candace Franks for all she has accomplished over her 40-year career with the Arkansas State Bank Department, ASBD. She will retire as department commissioner in October, an especially significant milestone given her appointment as the first female in this role and her tenure as the longest serving commissioner in ASBD history.

Commissioner Franks' leadership at the ASBD has directly improved the economic well-being of Arkansas communities and citizens by ensuring safe, convenient, and competitive banking. The department was established in 1903 to fulfill a simple yet essential role: regulate Arkansas banks and bank holding companies. Since her arrival at the department, she has worked tirelessly to achieve the mission of safe and sound financial institutions that garner public confidence. An impressive statistic demonstrates this dedication: When she began in 1980, the department oversaw institutions holding \$7 billion in assets; as she leaves in 2020, the institutions now hold over \$123 billion in assets.

She grounds herself in the notion that hard work, commitment, and patience pay off. After completing three postsecondary degrees—two at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro and one at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law—she joined the ASBD as general counsel in 1980. She held this position until she was promoted to deputy commissioner and general counsel in 1995, before her appointment to commissioner in 2007.

Commissioner Franks' ability to lead, guide, and better the State of Arkansas extends beyond her critical role in the financial sector. From 2014 to 2015, she served as chairman of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, where she is now chairman emeritus. She currently serves as chairman of the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System after being appointed to the board of trustees by Governor Asa Hutchinson in 2017. Additionally, she serves as a trustee on the Arkansas Teachers Retirement System and the State Board of Finance.

It is with no surprise that Commissioner Franks has been repeatedly recognized for her accomplished career and influence in Arkansas. For 3 consecutive years—1996, 1997, and 1998—she was honored by Arkansas Business as one of the "Top 100 Women in Arkansas." In 2010, she was recognized by the same publication as one of 20 "Women of Influence" in Arkansas.

On behalf of Arkansas, our financial institutions, and the ASBD, I thank Commissioner Candace Franks for her dedication to developing a healthy banking system that improves the quality of life in Arkansas. I wish her well in her retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO DONNA KELLY- WILLIAMS

• Ms. WARREN. Madam President, I would like to offer my congratulations to Donna Kelly-Williams as she retires as president of the Massachusetts Nurses Association where she has represented our nurses and the patients they serve since 2009. Beginning her professional career in 1974, she aided nurses in the newborn nursery at the Cambridge Hospital, cementing her passion for the caregiving profession. Following nursing school, she served as a medical-surgical nurse and then as a pediatric nurse before eventually coming full circle and returning to the maternity unit. She has spent her entire nursing career serving her community at Cambridge Hospital in Cambridge, MA. Throughout her career, she has always been committed to creating environments where every nurse is respected and valued for their contributions. This commitment and passion for advocacy led her to become involved in the Massachusetts Nurses Association, first joining the bargaining unit at Cambridge Hospital and serving in this capacity for two decades.

She then served as vice president of the Massachusetts Nurses Association and on the board of directors before she was elected president in 2009. As president, Donna led the union as they became a part of National Nurses United, the largest union of registered nurses in history. She understood this participation in a new national nurses' union enabled members to have an even greater impact on national pushes for legislation, including healthcare and

labor reforms, supporting nurses serving in all of America's hospitals. Donna worked tirelessly to advocate for nurses' workers rights during strikes; I remember trading calls and texts with Donna late into the night to settle contracts during the Tufts Medical Center strike.

I am deeply grateful to Donna Kelly-Williams for her lifelong commitment to America's working families, for all she has done for nurses across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for her tireless fight to improve patient care. We have all benefited from Donna's passion, resilience, and empathy throughout her entire career and her lasting impact on our Massachusetts nurses will be felt for years to come. I once again congratulate her on her retirement and wish her the best of luck in the next chapter.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 8015. An act to maintain prompt and reliable postal services during the COVID-19 health emergency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8089. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to expand premium processing for certain immigration benefits, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 88. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Franklin D. Raines as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4003(e) of the 21st Century Cures Act (Public Law 114-255), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker reappoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee: Mr. Arien Malec of Oakland, California.

The message further announced that pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 300jj-12, the Minority Leader appoints the following individual to the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee: Ms. Cynthia A. Fisher of Newton, Massachusetts.

The message also announced that pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 3355a, the Minority Leader appoints the following individual to the Public Interest Declassification Board to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Mr. Harold W. "Trey" Gowdy, III, of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3. An act to establish a fair price negotiation program, protect the Medicare program from excessive price increases, and establish an out-of-pocket maximum for Medicare part D enrollees, and for other purposes.

H.R. 51. An act to provide for the admission of the State of Washington, D.C. into the Union.

H.R. 1425. An act to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for a Improve Health Insurance Affordability Fund to provide for certain reinsurance payments to lower premiums in the individual health insurance market.

PRIVILEGED NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator JOHN KENNEDY, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Michael J. Finkel, of New Jersey, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2022, vice Gregory Karawan.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 481. A bill to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-261).

S. 2800. A bill to authorize programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-262).

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 2898. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a full annuity supplement for certain air traffic controllers (Rept. No. 116-263).

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. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 4531. A bill to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs, located at 400 College Drive, Middleburg, Florida, the "Andrew K. Baker Department of Veterans Affairs Clin-

ic", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 4532. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require coverage of hearing devices and systems in certain private health insurance plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 4533. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for public health research and investment into understanding and eliminating structural racism and police violence; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 4534. A bill to amend section 230 of the Communications Act of 1934 to modify the scope of protection from civil liability for "good Samaritan" blocking and screening of offensive material; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. HARRIS, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 4535. A bill to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Waverly B. Woodson, Jr., for acts of valor during World War II; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 4536. A bill to report data on COVID-19 in Federal, State, and local correctional facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 4537. A bill to provide for economic recovery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 4538. A bill to establish a Restore Employment in Natural and Environmental Work Conservation Corps in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 4539. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services and other Federal officials to compile into a searchable database information relating to Federal support for biomedical research and development related to COVID-19, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 4540. A bill to provide that individuals may serve as poll workers for the November 3, 2020, general elections if registered to vote in the State in a location other than the location at which the individual serves; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 4541. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by limiting the number of mandatory overtime hours a nurse may be required to work in certain providers of services to which payments are made under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.