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DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. ROBERT MENENDEZ,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 22-04 concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Bahrain for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$175.98 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,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 22-04

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 Bahrain.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$0 million.

Other \$175.98 million.

Total \$175.98 million.

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: Upgrade nine (9) M270 Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (MLRS) to M270 A1 minimum configuration. The upgrade will include: the Common Fire Control System (CFCS); Improved Launcher Mechanical System (ILMS); 600h Engine and associated engine compartment modifications; Improved Electronics Distribution Box (IEDB); fan speed control valve; cables and mounting hardware, Power Take Off (PTO) and BOO series transmission; the Digital Communication Systems (DCOMMS); and Vehicular Intercom System (AN/VIC-3). In addition, the effort will include two (2) years spare parts; Operator and Maintenance Training Course' Contractor Logistics Support; U.S. Government engineering support; support and test equipment; integration and test support, software delivery and support; publications and technical documentation; technical and logistics support services; storage;

and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (BA-B-ULJ).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: BA-B-JAH, BA-B-UEP, BA-B-UIW.

(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: March 24, 2022.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Bahrain—M270 Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (MLRS) Upgrade.

The Government of Bahrain has requested to buy upgrades to nine (9) M270 Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (MLRS) to a M270 A1 minimum configuration. The upgrade will include: the Common Fire Control System (CFCS); Improved Launcher Mechanical System (ILMS); 600h Engine and associated engine compartment modifications; Improved Electronics Distribution Box (IEDB); fan speed control valve; cables and mounting hardware, Power Take Off (PTO) and BOO series transmission; the Digital Communication Systems (DCOMMS); and Vehicular Intercom System (AN/VIC-3). In addition, the effort will include two (2) years spare parts; Operator and Maintenance Training Course' Contractor Logistics Support; U.S. Government engineering support; support and test equipment; integration and test support, software delivery and support; publications and technical documentation; technical and logistics support services; storage; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total cost is \$175.98 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 Bahrain's capability to meet current and future threats by enhancing Bahrain's ability to defend itself against regional malign actors and improve interoperability with systems operated by U.S. forces and other Gulf countries. Bahrain's continued investment in its defensive capabilities is crucial to protecting its borders, energy infrastructure, and its residents, including over 15,000 U.S. citizens and Naval personnel living and working in the country. Bahrain will have no difficulty absorbing these upgraded MLRSs 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 will be the Lockheed Martin Corporation, Bethesda, MD. 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 Bahrain.

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 Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) is a high-mobility automatic system based on an M270 weapons platform. The

MLRS fires surface-to-surface rockets: the Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) and the Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System (GMLRS). Without leaving the cab, the crew of three (driver, gunner and section chief) can fire up to 12 MLRS rockets in fewer than 60 seconds.

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 the Government of Bahrain 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 Bahrain.

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DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(A) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 0Q-21. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 16-58 of November 17, 2016.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. HURSCH,
Director.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 0Q-21

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(A), AECA)

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Qatar.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1). AECA Transmittal No.: 16-58; Date: November 17, 2016; Military Department: Navy; Funding Source: National Funds.

(iii) Description: On November 17, 2016, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 16-58 of the possible sale under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) of Major Defense Equipment (MDE): seventy-two (72) F-15QA aircraft; one hundred forty-four (144) F-110-GE-129 aircraft engines; eighty (80) Advanced Display Core Processor II (ADCP II); eighty (80) Digital Electronic Warfare Suites (DEWS); eighty (80) M61A "Vulcan" gun systems; eighty (80) Link-16 systems; one hundred sixty (160) Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing Systems (JHMCS); three hundred twelve (312) LAU-128 missile launchers; eighty (80) AN/APG-82(V)1 Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radars; one hundred sixty (160) Embedded GPS/Inertial Navigation Systems (INS) (EGI); eighty (80) AN/AAQ-13 LANTIRN navigation pods with containers; eighty (80) AN/AAQ-33 SNIPER Advanced Targeting Pods with containers (MDE Determination Pending); eighty (80) AN/AAS-42 Infrared Search and Track Systems (IRST) (MDE Determination Pending); two hundred (200) AIM-9X Sidewinder missiles; seventy (70) AIM-9X Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM); eight (8) AIM-9X Special Training Missiles; twenty (20) CATM AIM-9X missile Guidance Units; twenty (20) AIM-9X Tactical Guidance Kits; two hundred fifty (250) AIM-120C7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM); five (5) AIM-120C7 spare Guidance Kits; one hundred (100) AGM-88 High Speed Anti-Radiation Missiles (HARM); forty (40) AGM-88 HARM CATMs; two hundred (200) AGM-154 Joint Standoff Weapons (JSOW); eighty (80) AGM-84L-1 Standoff Strike Anti-Ship missiles (Harpoon); ten (10) Harpoon exercise missiles; two hundred (200) AGM-65H/K (Maverick) missiles; five hundred (500) GBU-38 Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) Guidance Kits; five hundred (500) GBU-31 (V)1 JDAM Guidance Kits; two hundred fifty (250) GBU-54 Laser JDAM Guidance Kits; two hundred fifty (250) GBU-56 Laser JDAM Guidance Kits; five hundred (500) BLU-111B bombs; five hundred (500) BLU-117B bombs; six (6) MK-82 inert bombs; and one thousand (1,000) FMU-152 Joint Programmable Fuses. Also included were ACMI (P5) Training Pods; Reece Pods (DB-110); Conformal Fuel Tanks (CFTs); Identification Friend/Foe (IFF) system; AN/AVS-9 Night Vision Goggles (NVG); ARC-210 UHF/UVF radios; LAU-118(v)1/A; LAU-117-AV2A; associated ground support; training materials; mission critical resources and maintenance support equipment; the procurement for various weapon support and test equipment spares; technical publications; personnel training; simulators and other training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The total estimated value was \$21.1 billion. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$11.5 billion of this total.

This transmittal reports the inclusion of an additional one (1) AGM-154 Joint Standoff Weapon (JSOW) (MDE). The MDE value will remain \$11.5 billion. The total overall case value will remain \$21.1 billion.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided to report the inclusion of an MDE item not previously notified. The proposed article and services will support Qatar's efforts to strengthen its homeland defense, meet current and future threats, and provide greater security for its critical infrastructure inside of its current budget.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national secu-

rity objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The Sensitivity of Technology statement contained in the original notification applies to items reported here.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: March 24, 2022.

RECOGNIZING UTAH'S GOLD STAR FAMILIES

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, I rise today on behalf of a grateful nation to pay tribute to the unparalleled sacrifices of Utah's Gold Star families. Thank you for your commitment to defending the Constitution of our great Nation. Thank you for your selfless service to others. And thank you for your love of our country, the United States of America. It is essential to our Nation's survival that we recognize and remember the sacrifices you have made.

Given the extraordinary nature of your sacrifices, the duty of recognizing and remembering them is of utmost importance. Furthermore, in a time when our Nation's cardinal values are more regularly attacked, this work mends the fraying fabric of freedom. My purpose today is to honor all that you, the Gold Star families of Utah, have done for our Nation and its citizens.

On August 1, 2020, a group of Utahns gathered at the North Ogden City Hall. There, in the heat of summer, the families, friends, and neighbors of fallen soldiers came together with business leaders and government officials to dedicate the North Ogden City Gold Star Families Memorial Monument. This monument, the first of its kind in Utah, but not the last, recognizes and remembers the sacrifices of Utah's Gold Star families. A similar monument has been built in St. George and will soon be dedicated. The monuments stand as beacons of light and hope, tributes to those who have been lost.

The idea for these monuments was inspired by the work of the Woody Williams Foundation whose mission is "to honor, recognize, and serve Gold Star Families and the legacy of their Loved Ones who have paid the ultimate sacrifice." Their work, which focuses on the philosophical pillars of homeland, family, patriot, sacrifice, and legacy, gave North Ogden City and St. George a vision of what was possible.

After seeing the monument in North Ogden City, stakeholders in St. George decided they would raise funds, find land, and construct a monument of their own. St. George City, with the help of numerous residents and businesses began the work of designating space, securing over \$100,000 of funding, and planning construction for the monument. The committee worked tirelessly to unify, educate, heal, and inspire others. Months of work led to a beautiful monument which now stands to honor Gold Star families and the losses they have endured.

Eight feet tall and 13 feet wide, the monuments made of solid black granite are two-sided tributes to the fallen. One side of each monument bears the words: "Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, a tribute to Gold Star Families and Relatives who sacrificed a Loved One for our Freedom." The other side tells a story across four granite panels highlighting the themes of homeland, family, patriot, and sacrifice. The most significant component of each monument is a gaping hole at the center of the solid granite slabs. The empty space, a silhouette of a saluting servicemember, represents the legacy of the loved ones of the Gold Star families who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Together, these features tell each community's unique story of sacrifice.

On the day of the dedication of the North Ogden monument, powerful stories and memories were shared. I want to highlight just a few.

Kirk Chugg, the director of Follow the Flag North Ogden, said there could be "no better place [for the tribute]. As people go about their day, we hope they see the monument and teach their children what it means. It publicly proclaims to families that we have not forgotten them."

"This will help us remember what America is all about," said Debbie Allen, mother of the late Lt. Kenneth "Kage" Allen. "I think too many people forget what we stand for."

James Laselute, of Layton, was there representing his stepson, the late Lance Cpl. Quinn Keith. He said: "For our family, things like this help us through the grieving process and remind us that our loved one's legacy endures." He continued: "Monuments like this are what keeps their name alive."

Neal Berube, the mayor of North Ogden City at the time of the monument's dedication shared: "The Gold Star designation dates back to World War I, when military families displayed service flags featuring a blue star for every immediate family member serving in the Armed Forces. The star's color would change to gold if a loved one died so the community would know the price the family had paid for freedom."

Mayor Berube then concluded: "The strength of our nation is our military. The strength of our military is our soldiers. And the strength of our soldiers are our families."

As the people of St. George set out to dedicate their Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, similar sentiments have been shared. Jennifer Moxon, Bronwyn Mount, and Mayor Michele Randall—who, with the help of the St. George City Council, staff, and in partnership with the Major Brent Taylor Foundation, have helped lead the development of the St. George monument—have made powerful statements of gratitude and hope.

Jennifer Moxon, mother of the late Sgt. Douglas Lee Moxon, recently