

(ILS) management services, parts obsolescence remediation, calibration services, transportation, Follow-on Support (FOS), Return, Repair and Reshipment of unserviceable repairable items/equipment, applicable software and apparel, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$268 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO ally, which is an important partner for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

This proposed sale will improve Greece's capability to meet current and future threats by providing an effective capability to protect maritime interests and infrastructure in support of its strategic location on NATO's southern flank. Greece contributes to NATO operations, as well as to counterterrorism and counter-piracy maritime efforts. Greece will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services into its armed forces.

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

There is not a principal contractor associated with this potential sale. Consequently, there are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of U.S. Government personnel, but will require one (1) contractor representative, Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) position to Greece to deliver Assault Amphibious Vehicles, related equipment and support.

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 23-12

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 mission of the Assault Amphibious Vehicle (AAV) is to maneuver surface assault elements of the landing force and their equipment from assault shipping during amphibious operations to inland objectives and to conduct mechanized operations and related combat support in subsequent operations ashore.

The AAV-7A1 Family of Vehicles includes the Personnel variant which carries troops in amphibious operations from ship to shore, through the surf zone and to inland objectives. The AAVP-7A1 provides protected transport for up to 25 combat-loaded personnel through all types of terrain. The Command Variant, AAVC-7A1, is an armored assault amphibious full-tracked landing vehicle. The vehicle provides a mobile task force communication center in amphibious operations from ship to shore through the surf zone to inland objectives. The Recovery Variant, AAVR-7A1, is an armored assault amphibious full-tracked vehicle. The vehicle is designed to recover similar or smaller sized vehicles. It also carries basic maintenance equipment to provide field support maintenance to vehicles in the field.

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 hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems which might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Greece 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 Greece.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 620C(d) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED

Pursuant to Section 620C(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the Act), Executive Order 12163, State Department Delegation of Authority No. 293-2, and State Department Delegation of Authority 510; I hereby certify that the furnishing to Greece of Amphibious Assault Vehicles and related defense articles and services is consistent with the principles contained in Section 620C(b) of the Act.

This certification will be made part of the notification to Congress under Section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, regarding the proposed sale of the above-named articles and services and is based on the justification accompanying such notification, of which such justification constitutes a full explanation

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REMEMBERING JUDY HEUMANN

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I rise to join my colleagues in honoring the life of Judy Heumann, one of the most important disability and civil rights leaders of our time.

While Judy spent most of her childhood and early adult life in New York, she is a native Pennsylvanian, born in Philadelphia in 1947. She was an advocate for disability equality and access to education from an early age. When her mother attempted to enroll her in public kindergarten, the school principal denied her admission because Judy's wheelchair was determined to be "a fire hazard." That determination wasn't by any official means; it was only in the opinion of a principal who had the power to bar her from receiving an education. It took over 4 years for Judy's parents to find a school where she could enroll, starting regular attendance at school at the age of 9.

At the start of her adult life, Judy experienced similar discrimination when the New York City schools denied her a job as a teacher, despite having passed all requirements but one, the physical examination. Judy sued the New York City Public Schools and won her case and was hired as the first teacher with a disability in the New York City schools. That was 1970.

One year later, partly inspired by the successful advocacy of Judy, Pennsylvania parents of children with intellectual disabilities filed suit to secure enrollment of their children in Pennsylvania public schools. That successful case, known as PARC v. Pennsylvania, was the foundation for the 1975 Education of All Handicapped Children Act, now known as the Individuals

with Disabilities Education Act, or IDEA.

After many years of advocacy, that included the development and passage of IDEA and the Americans with Disabilities Act, Judy was appointed by President Clinton to be the Assistant Secretary of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services in the Department of Education, a position she held from 1993 to 2001.

With that appointment, Judy had come full circle, from being barred from attending public school as a kindergartener, to being responsible for ensuring public schools across the country were accessible to and educating all children with disabilities.

Successfully advocating for such groundbreaking change in education of children with disabilities would have been enough for one life, but Judy did much more than advocate to secure access to education for children with disabilities. Her work included implementation of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, which requires all governments and public entities that receive Federal funding to ensure their services and settings are accessible to people with disabilities. She was a key partner with Democrats and Republicans in the writing and implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990 and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments in 2008.

Judy's work was not limited to the United States. In 1983, Judy, along with Ed Roberts, one of the fathers of the disability rights movement, established the World Institute on Disability. She felt that the disability rights achieved in America needed to be spread throughout the world. Judy became the first Advisor on Disability and Development at the World Bank in 2002. And in 2010, President Obama appointed her to the position of Special Advisor on International Disability Rights at the State Department, a role she filled until 2017.

Along the way, Judy rarely forgot that she was working for individual people with disabilities. When visiting countries, she made it a point to seek out young people with disabilities and encourage them to speak out and to become leaders in their own towns, districts, States, and countries. She knew the power of policy to change lives and the importance of individuals to implement that change.

Judy Heumann changed the world in big and small ways for people with disabilities and all of us.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING JERALD SULKY COMPANY

● Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial

spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize the Jerald Sulky Company of Waterloo, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week for the week of March 13, 2023.

The Jerald Sulky Company has been synonymous with excellence for over 125 years. Since 1898, the company has manufactured sulkies, vehicles similar to horse sleighs, leading the company to become world famous in the showing and on the racetrack. Today, Jerald Sulky Company is the last commercial manufacturer of horse-drawn vehicles in the world. The company began in Osage, IA, when Samuel E. Jerald, Sr., a top craftsman in the horse-drawn vehicle business, decided to build race sulkies. Shortly after, Samuel and his team relocated to Waterloo in 1901 and became known as one of the most innovative companies in the industry, utilizing the latest materials and pioneering new technology. In the early 1900s, there were over a dozen sulky manufacturers; however, the 1930s saw the introduction of the automobile, World War I, and the Great Depression. Innovations in technology, global war, and mass economic downturn took a toll on the sulky industry, and when the dust settled, Jerald Sulky Company was one of only two companies that were still in operation.

During WWII, Jerald Sulky Company recognized the importance of aiding the country's war effort and began manufacturing field ambulances, also known as litter carriers, to hurry fallen soldiers off the battlefield. The company ensured that each field ambulance was crafted with care, to honor each injured soldier, knowing the journey on the field ambulance might be a soldier's last. The company achieved great success during the post-war boom due to the abundance of materials and an influx of horsemen eager for vehicles that were not available during the war; the company modernized many of their classical designs which are still in production today such as the Fine Harness Buggy and the Show Pleasure Cart. Hard times fell on the Jerald Sulky Company in 2014, forcing them to close. Fortunately, at this same time, Erik and Shelli Lee were looking to buy a show cart. They called up Jerald Sulky Company to inquire about purchasing a cart and ended up buying the whole company. Erik and Shelli turned the company around, and now, they ship sulkies domestically and internationally to customers all over the world, while still focusing on the excellence and integrity of their product.

In a world that is growing increasingly automated, the Jerald Sulky Company is committed to handcrafting each of their horse carriages because, for them, it is not a product, it is an art. Their custom-made horse carriages take 6 to 10 weeks to create and are worked on by a staff of 12 artisans who, all combined, have over 200 years of experience in the craft. The carriages range from \$1,500 to \$15,000 due to the

time and labor spent to make them. Furthermore, they source most of their materials locally. As they only want to use the best materials for their carriages and because there are not many producers that create the parts they want, the company's biggest challenge is combating supply chain issues. Even though their supply chain can be difficult to navigate and despite the fact there is not a large market for traditional horse carriages, the Jerald Sulky Company is not worried. They have a loyal customer base that maintains a constant demand for horse carriages. Today, the company, on average, builds 150 new carts each year, a vast improvement from 2014. Additionally, through expanding to more foreign markets, Jerald Sulky Company has continued to grow their customer base, proving that this 125-year-old company is resilient as ever.

The Jerald Sulky Company's commitment to excellence also extends to their local community. In the chaotic days of the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, they did not hesitate in offering to use part of their warehouse as a temporary assembly operation to put together disposable face shields for hospital and clinic staff. More than 60 volunteers from the local community came together at the warehouse to assemble 10,000 shields. Additionally, this past year in March 2022 when tornados ravaged Iowa and destroyed two local horse barns, the Jerald Sulky Company raised awareness about the tragedy and rallied the local community to donate to a GoFundMe for each barn. Similar to when the company sprang to action during the First World War, Jerald Sulky Company continues to answer the call of their community.

Through their drive for excellence, the Jerald Sulky Company has been referred to by some as the Rolls-Royce of the horse-drawn vehicle world. They have received numerous accolades throughout the years. Their sulkies have been on the cover of *Sport Illustrated* several times. Furthermore, the company's impact on the U.S. horse world has been so great that their sulky was featured on a U.S. postage stamp. In 1996, the company was inducted into the Iowa Harness Racing Hall of Fame. More recently, their sulkies have been featured in pop culture on the hit television series "Duck Dynasty." Never compromising the integrity of their product or cutting any corners, the company has gone on to become a leader in the horse world and has achieved great success. I want to congratulate the entire team at the Jerald Sulky Company for their continued commitment to excellence in their work both locally in Iowa and throughout the world. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to

the Senate by Ms. Kelly, 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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 870. A bill to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration and firefighter assistance grant programs.

H.R. 502. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs repays members of the Armed Forces for certain contributions made by such members towards Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 815. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements relating to the eligibility of veterans to receive reimbursement for emergency treatment furnished through the Veterans Community Care program, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-744. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Reporting and Disclosure" (RIN1210-AB97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-745. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Information Return Reports" (RIN1210-AB97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-746. A communication from the Regulatory Policy Analyst, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Address; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. FDA-2019-N-0646) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-747. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Possession, Use, and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins—Addition of SARS-CoV-2 Chimeric Viruses Resulting From Any Deliberate Manipulation of SARS-CoV-2 To Incorporate