

(ii) Total Estimated Value:  
Major Defense Equipment\* \$351 million.  
Other \$557 million.  
Total \$908 million.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):  
One hundred twenty (120) AGM-158B/B-2 Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missiles with Extended Range (JASSM-ER) All-Up-Rounds.

Fifteen (15) AGM-158 Inert JASSMs with Test Instrumentation Kits.

Two (2) AGM-158 JASSM Separation Test Vehicles.

One (1) AGM-158 Instrumented Test Vehicle.

Two (2) JASSM Jettison Test Vehicles.

Non-MDE: Also included are AGM-158 JASSM Dummy Air Training Missiles (DATM) and containers; KGV-135A encryption devices; test and integration equipment and support; spare parts, consumables, accessories, and repair and return support; munitions support and support equipment; classified and unclassified publications and technical documentation; Contractor Logistics Support (CLS); transportation support; personnel training and training equipment; studies and surveys; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (NE-D-YAI)

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc.: Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

(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: February 5, 2024.

\* as defined in Section 47

(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

The Netherlands—Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missiles with Extended Range

The Government of the Netherlands has requested to buy one hundred twenty (120) AGM-158B/B-2 Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missiles with Extended Range (JASSM-ER) All-Up-Rounds; fifteen (15) AGM-158 Inert JASSMs with Test Instrumentation Kits; two (2) AGM-158 JASSM Separation Test Vehicles; one (1) AGM-158 Instrumented Test Vehicle; and two (2) JASSM Jettison Test Vehicles. Also included are AGM-158 JASSM Dummy Air Training Missiles (DATM) and containers; KGV-135A encryption devices; test and integration equipment and support; spare parts, consumables, accessories, and repair and return support; munitions support and support equipment; classified and unclassified publications and technical documentation; Contractor Logistics Support (CLS); transportation support; personnel training and training equipment; studies and surveys; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$908 million.

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

The proposed sale will improve the Netherlands' capability to meet current and future threats by increasing its airborne, long-range, precision-strike combat capability. The Netherlands will use these systems to

defend NATO Allies and deter aggression. The Netherlands 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.

The principal contractor will be Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, Orlando, FL. The purchaser typically requests offsets. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

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

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

#### TRANSMITTAL NO. 23-89

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 AGM-158B Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile with Extended Range (JASSM-ER) All-Up-Round is a low-observable, highly-survivable, subsonic cruise missile designed to penetrate next-generation air defense systems enroute to target. The JASSM-ER is designed to kill hard, medium-hardened, soft, and area type targets. The extended range over the baseline was obtained by going from a turbo jet to a turbofan engine and by reconfiguring the fuel tanks for added capacity.

The AGM-158B-2 system capabilities include all the capabilities of the AGM-158B. The AGM-158B-2 configuration will have different internal components to address multiple obsolescence issues as well as sub-component updates to position for M-Code and other potential upgrades.

2. The KGV-135A is a high-speed, general purpose encryptor/decryptor module used for wide-band data encryption.

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

4. 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.

5. A determination has been made that the Netherlands 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.

6. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Netherlands.

#### TRIBUTE TO RICK FUSON

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Rick Fuson, who is retiring after 40 years of devoted work for the Indiana Pacers.

Rick Fuson is a lifelong Hoosier. He was born in Indianapolis and attended Indiana University, where he played football and earned his degree in political science. Rick began working for the Pacers organization in 1984 as director of special events, and he rose steadily through the ranks. He was pro-

moted to executive senior vice president of Pacers Sports and Entertainment in 2001, chief operating officer in 2008, and president and CEO in 2014.

During his 40 years with the Pacers, Rick has played a vital role not just in reshaping the Pacers organization, but in revitalizing downtown Indianapolis. He helped oversee the construction of a new arena, now known as Gainbridge Fieldhouse. And he promoted it not only as the home of the Indiana Pacers, but as a multipurpose venue that could bring considerable economic opportunities to the Hoosier State.

His roles as a longtime executive board member of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, Visit Indy, the Downtown Indy, Inc., and many other organizations have put him at the center of the capital city's evolution into a global center for live sports and entertainment, arts and culture, and business.

In retirement, Rick and his wife Karen hope to spend more time with their children and grandchildren. It is my honor to thank Mr. Fuson for his tireless devotion to the Indiana Pacers and the city of Indianapolis.

#### REMEMBERING RAYMOND JACOBY

Mr. WELCH. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the recent passing, and honor the life of an extraordinary Vermonter, Raymond "Ray" Bradley Jacoby. Ray touched the lives of many in our State, and his presence in his community will be deeply missed.

Ray dedicated much of his professional career to volunteerism and non-profit service. Ray was the executive director of the Chittenden County United Way in Burlington, VT, for 10 years in the 1970s and 80s. In this role, he worked to make financial stability, healthcare, and affordable education accessible to everyone, coordinating with community partners to provide crucial assistance to Chittenden County residents.

Throughout his life, Ray was also a devoted attendee, employee, and supporter of YMCA summer camps. As a young boy, he attended YMCA camps across New England. Later in his life, he served in nearly every camp position, from counselor-in-training to camp director. After his retirement from the United Way, he worked with YMCA Camp Abnaki in North Hero, VT, for years. He helped the camp to raise funds and provide support to the staff to ensure campers had the best experience possible every summer.

Ray will be remembered by many for his contributions to his community, commitment to his work, and devotion to his family. It is with both great sadness and honor that I celebrate the life of Raymond Jacoby and extend my deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. His impact on Vermonters will never be forgotten.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE NEW BERN  
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

• Mr. BUDD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce on its 125th anniversary.

Since its founding in 1899, the New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce has played a vital role in promoting small businesses, tourism, and all that New Bern has to offer.

New Bern has a rich history as North Carolina's second oldest town. It once served as the first capital of our great state. New Bern is also widely known as the birthplace of Pepsi-Cola. The community boasts a thriving downtown with vibrant restaurants and small businesses. It is a true gem in Eastern North Carolina thanks to the continual efforts of organizations like the New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce.

As a small business owner and member of the United States Senate Committee on Small Business, I know that chambers of commerce are one of the greatest assets to smaller towns and rural communities. I appreciate the efforts that President & CEO Kevin Roberts and his entire team make daily to help ensure New Bern continues to thrive.

Mr. President, please join me in congratulating the New Bern Area Chamber on their 125th anniversary. I can say with certainty that this organization will remain a pillar in the community for decades to come.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

• Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Northeastern University, on the occasion of its 125th anniversary.

Northeastern University began as the Boston YMCA Evening Institute for Young Men in 1898, established to meet the industry's emergent need for skilled workers in the vocational trades. Today, Northeastern is a global research university and a recognized leader in experiential lifelong learning that integrates real-world experience with education, research, and innovation. Launched over a century ago, Northeastern's signature cooperative education—co-op—model now spans every continent and more than 3,500 employer partners where students work, study, and research.

With an R1 Carnegie classification, the university's research enterprise, focused broadly on the domains of health, security, and sustainability, as well as cutting-edge fields like artificial intelligence and robotics, wireless technology, and the life sciences, has quintupled during the past 15 years and pushed the bounds of scientific discovery. Since 2011, Northeastern has embarked on an ambitious expansion across the United States, Canada, and

the United Kingdom. Today, Northeastern's global university system comprises 13 sites, making it the only U.S. research university with comprehensive campuses on both coasts and a leader in preparing graduates with global experience.

The university's success extends beyond learning and discovery to intercollegiate athletics, as reflected, most recently, by the Huskies' sweep of the 2023 men's and women's Beanpot ice hockey tournaments for a record sixth time.

Northeastern counts a long and proud tradition of partnership with the Nation's armed forces that includes a U.S. Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps—ROTC—unit, extensive collaboration in defense and homeland security research, and a nationally recognized student veterans organization dedicated to helping returning veterans transition to higher education and achieve professional career success.

On the 125th anniversary of its founding, the university's investments in entrepreneurship, women's empowerment, civic engagement, public art, and sustainability have made an extraordinary contribution to the economic and social fabric of the city of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the United States, and the world. They are a credit to the nearly 300,000 Northeastern alums living, working, and making a difference in communities around the globe.

On the occasion of this milestone, I am proud to recognize Northeastern University.●

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

## EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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.)

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:05 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 443. An act to direct the Secretary of Labor to train certain employees of Department of Labor how to effectively detect and assist law enforcement in preventing human trafficking during the course of their official duties, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1240. An act to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Army Corps of Engineers to the Bu-

reau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2882. An act to reauthorize the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2997. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to Mesa County, Colorado, certain Federal land in Colorado, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4051. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a task force regarding shark depredation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4385. An act to extend authorization of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991.

H.R. 5009. An act to reauthorize wildlife habitat and conservation programs, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2025: Mr. Cliff Simms of Birmingham, Alabama.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, the Minority Leader appoints the following individual to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Mr. Jonathan Nicholas Stivers of Falls Church, Virginia.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), the Minority Leader appoints the following member to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Mr. Leland Miller of Alexandria, Virginia. As previously agreed, because of the change in Congress and the presumed statutory intent of the Commission, I am appointing Mr. Miller on behalf of the Speaker.

## MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 443. An act to direct the Secretary of Labor to train certain employees of Department of Labor how to effectively detect and assist law enforcement in preventing human trafficking during the course of their official duties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 1240. An act to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Army Corps of Engineers to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 2997. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to Mesa County, Colorado, certain Federal land in Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.