

interfaces and sends commands to any connected very short-range air defense (VSHORAD) Stinger platforms. The FDC also interfaces voice and data to the national command and control structure.

4. The AN/MPQ-64F1 Sentinel radar is the organic, mobile air defense acquisition and tracking sensor for the U.S. Army. Sentinel provides persistent air surveillance and fire control quality data through command and control systems.

5. The canister launcher (LCHR) is to transport, aim, and fire the U.S. Air Force AMRAAM and AMRAAM-ER missiles. Under the remote control of the FDC, the launcher permits rapid launching of one or more missiles against single or multiple targets and can support 6 engagements simultaneously. The launcher provides 360-degree, all weather, day and night missile launch capability.

6. The EO/IR sensor system is optimized for use in ground-based air defense and is proven and fielded for several NASAMS users. The sensor system offers a full day-night capability and includes an advanced high-performance TV camera, a 3rd-Generation infrared camera, and an eye-safe laser range-finder.

7. The AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) is a radar-guided missile featuring digital technology and micro-miniature solid-state electronics. The AMRAAM's capabilities include look-down/shoot-down, multiple launches against multiple targets, resistance to electronic counter measures, and interception of high flying and low flying and maneuvering targets. AMRAAM Captive Air Training Missiles (CATMs) are non-functioning, inert missile rounds used for armament load training, which also simulate the correct weight and balance of live missiles during captive carry on training sorties. Although designed as an air-to-air missile, the AMRAAM can also be employed in a surface-launch mode when integrated on systems such as NASAMS.

8. The AMRAAM-ER missiles have the same capability and sensitivity of technology as the AMRAAM missiles but have with a larger rocket motor to allow them to travel farther.

9. The Multifunction Information Distribution System (MIDS) is a secure data and voice communication network that uses the Link-16 architecture. The system provides enhanced situational awareness, positive identification of participants within the network, and secure voice capability. The system provides the critical ground link for simultaneous coordination of air, land, and maritime forces.

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

11. 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.

12. A determination has been made that the recipient 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.

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

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATIONS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act

requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN,
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. 24-57, concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$828 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-57

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: Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO).

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment * \$0 million.

Other \$828 million.

Total \$828 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: AN/TPS-77 and AN/TPS-78 radar turnkey systems; spare and repair parts, consumables and accessories; repair and return support; transportation support; personnel training and training equipment; 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 (TW-D-DAJ, TW-D-DAK).

(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: None.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: October 25, 2024.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States—AN/TPS-77 and AN/TPS-78 Radar Turnkey Systems

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) has requested to buy AN/TPS-77 and AN/TPS-78 radar turnkey systems; spare and repair parts, consumables and accessories; repair and return support; transportation support; personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated cost is \$828 million.

This proposed sale is consistent with U.S. law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and to maintain a credible defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

The proposed sale will improve the recipient's capability to meet current and future threats by providing multi-mission ground-based radar solutions for medium to long range air surveillance. The recipient will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

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

These radars will be procured by the U.S. Air Force. 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 the recipient.

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

TRIBUTE TO JOANNE MCGUNAGLE

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise to honor an extraordinary constituent, Joanne McGunagle, on her retirement as the chief executive officer of the Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP), which serves the communities of Cranston, Scituate, Foster, Warwick, and Coventry. As the leader of one of Rhode Island's largest anti-poverty nonprofit organizations, Joanne has embodied the spirit of President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty, mobilizing resources to address human needs while empowering the community to chart its own course to greater prosperity.

Joanne demonstrated a passion for service from her earliest days as a sociology student at Rhode Island College. During her junior year, she participated in an internship as a summer camp counselor at the Thornton Center, and she found her calling. In 1979, as a newly minted graduate, she went to work for CCAP as the manager of its Fiskeville Center. With her strong commitment to the community and her prodigious organizational skills, Joanne quickly rose up the ranks at CCAP. By 1985, she was named chief executive officer.

Under Joanne's leadership, CCAP expanded its reach and services to the community. Her approach to leadership was to involve the community, collaborate with partners, and streamline administrative costs in order to maximize resources available for direct services. When she took the reins, CCAP had a budget of just over \$3 million and a staff of 60. Today, it has a budget of over \$40 million and a team of 350 employees who serve over 40,000 people annually.

The growth of CCAP under Joanne's leadership has resulted in partnerships to create affordable housing, expand childcare and preschool programs, establish new opportunity homes for pregnant and parenting teens, create the first parent/child center in Rhode Island, build a community youth center in partnership with the city of Cranston, develop a fully integrated family health model, and open several health centers. CCAP has done all of this while also providing workforce development, home heating and weatherization assistance, and a food bank for residents in need.

Just as Joanne has left an indelible mark on CCAP and the communities it serves, CCAP has shaped her life. She carries out her work with joy and gratitude. In her words, "CCAP has given me boundless gifts and rewards I never imagined. Professionally, with my team, we have created a system of care designed to provide services while focusing on poverty and the alleviation of it. Personally, I met my husband when creating housing at St. Matthew's Church with CCAP. All my life milestones have involved CCAP at some level. I could never begin to give back to CCAP what it has given me."

As someone who shares Joanne's deep connection to the Cranston community, I have seen firsthand how her friendship and kindness has transformed lives. Her genuine empathy for those most in need is an inspiration, and her lifetime of action helping those experiencing poverty is an example that we should emulate.

I join countless other Rhode Islanders in wishing Joanne a happy and healthy retirement, filled with new adventures, in the company of her husband Kenny and her daughters Maddie and Annie. She has earned it.

TRIBUTE TO LASHAWNDA SMITH

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I wish to recognize LaShawnda Smith on her retirement after 29 years of service with the Senate Appropriations Committee.

LaShawnda first joined the committee in 1993 as a detailee from the Department of Veterans Affairs, working on what was then the Subcommittee on the VA, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies. She later accepted a role at the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Congressional Affairs. It was not long, however, until

she would find herself back on the committee as a detailee, this time on loan from HUD.

LaShawnda eventually joined the committee full-time in 1995 under the leadership of then-Chairman Mark Hatfield and Vice Chairman Robert Byrd. Since then, LaShawnda has faithfully served under the Republican leadership of Senators Ted Stevens, Thad Cochran, Richard Shelby, and now me, providing support to the committee and its various subcommittees.

Anyone who has worked with LaShawnda knows what a dependable member of the Senate community she has been. She has helped the wheels of the Appropriations Committee move forward in service to the American people throughout her career. LaShawnda will be missed by her colleagues and friends, and she deserves this Chamber's collective thanks for her dedicated work as she leaves to spend time with her family in Tennessee, including her daughters Dominique and Briana, two granddaughters Nyelah and Nyani, and two grandpups Lucci and Cairo.

The committee will miss LaShawnda's steady, stabilizing presence, and we wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement from the Senate and in her new full-time role as a doting grandmother.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR THOMAS E. DICKSON

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute and say a special thank you to a truly exceptional U.S. Army officer. MAJ Thomas E. Dickson has served admirably as a congressional budget liaison for the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Management and Comptroller, for the past 2 years. I have come to know Tom personally over this time as he has escorted me on countless congressional delegations across the globe, to include numerous trips to Ukraine and Israel, doing so with a level of skill and professionalism that has left a lasting impression on me and my staff.

Major Dickson graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 2013 and commissioned as a military police officer. Major Dickson's first assignment was as a platoon leader with the 230th Military Police Company in Sembach, Germany. While stationed in Germany, Major Dickson attended the United Nations Military Police Course in Aalborg, Denmark, where he trained alongside students from 17 different nations including Ukraine, Montenegro, and Rwanda.

After serving as the executive officer for the 92nd Military Police Company, Major Dickson was selected to attend the Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School in Quantico, VA. During his time in Quantico, Major Dickson published an article for the U.S. Naval Institute and earned honors as a distinguished graduate.

Next, Major Dickson served in 2-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT)

out of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA. While in 2-2 SBCT, Major Dickson graduated the Army's Ranger School in 61 days and served as the brigade provost marshal prior to commanding its headquarters and headquarters company.

After command, Major Dickson deployed and attached to 6th Battalion, 4th Security Forces Assistance Brigade in Kabul, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. While in Afghanistan, he planned and executed over 50 adviser missions integrated with multinational partners.

As a Congressional Budget Liaison, Major Dickson has been the Army's conduit to several congressional offices, including my own, and he has built a reputation of trust, respect, and competency. Just mere days after the attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, Major Dickson helped quickly stand up and lead a historic bipartisan U.S. Senate congressional delegation of five Republicans and five Democrats to Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt. His efforts have been nothing short of incredible.

Major Dickson's extraordinary career is a testament to his hard work and unyielding desire to make himself, his organizations, and his fellow soldiers the best they can be. Our Nation has been enriched by his leadership, thoughtful judgement, and exemplary work. On behalf of the State of South Carolina, the U.S. Senate, and a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Major Dickson on his service to our Nation. We wish Tom all the best as he continues his journey in the Army.

TRIBUTE TO KAAREN HINCK

Mr. HICKENLOOPER. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Kaaren Hinck and her 20 years of service to the U.S. Senate. Although she is never one to seek the spotlight, we can't let her walk out these doors without acknowledging what has been a tremendous career in public service to eight Senators and one Representative across four States and two Presidential campaigns.

Kaaren's Senate career got off to an auspicious start one day while she was at home playing hooky from school in Minnesota. Watching TV, she saw an ad for the Senate page program and thought that sounded like something she might like to do. In a sign of things to come, not only was she selected to become a page for her home State Senator, but she also worked it out with her principal so she could do an "independent study" and avoid the page program classes altogether, a born dealmaker even before stepping foot in the Chamber.

After studying art history at Boston University, she returned to the Senate, this time interning for the "Lion of the Senate" himself, Ted Kennedy, before becoming his volunteer coordinator. Thus began her long association with the gentlemen and gentlelady from Massachusetts.