

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,  
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. 24-110, concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Romania for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$84 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. 24-110

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 Romania.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment \* \$41 million.

Other \$43 million.

Total \$84 million.

Funding Source: National Funds

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Four hundred (400) Guided Bomb Unit (GBU)-39B Small Diameter Bombs (SDB-I). Two (2) GBU-39 (T-1)/B inert practice bombs with fuze.

Non-Major Defense Equipment:

The following non-MDE items will also be included: GBU-39 tactical training rounds; Common Munitions Built-In-Test (BIT)/Reprogramming Equipment (CMBRE); ADU-890E Computer Test Set Adapter Groups; containers, weapons system support, and support and test equipment; training aids, devices, and spare parts; consumables and accessories, and repair and return support; publications and technical data; personnel training and training equipment; warranties; transportation support; site surveys; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, logistics, and technical support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (RO-D-YAB).

(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 18, 2025.

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

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

##### Romania—GBU-39B Small Diameter Bombs

The Government of Romania has requested to buy four hundred (400) Guided Bomb Unit (GBU)-39B Small Diameter Bombs (SDB-I), and two (2) GBU-39 (T-1)/B inert practice bombs with fuze. The following non-MDE items will also be included: GBU-39 tactical training rounds; Common Munitions Built-In-Test (BIT)/Reprogramming Equipment (CMBRE); ADU 890E Computer Test Set Adapter Groups; containers, weapons system support, and support and test equipment; training aids, devices, and spare parts; consumables and accessories, and repair and return support; publications and technical

data; personnel training and training equipment; warranties; transportation support; site surveys; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, logistics, and technical support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$84 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 an important force for political and economic stability in Europe.

This proposed sale will improve Romania's capability to meet current and future threats by increasing its ability to deter and defend against all threats and to participate in NATO coalition air operations. Romania 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 The Boeing Company, located in St. Louis, MO. At this time, the U.S. Government is not aware of any offset agreement proposed in connection with this potential sale. 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 Romania.

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 Guided Bomb Unit (GBU)-39 Small Diameter Bomb Increment 1 (SDB-I) All Up Round (AUR) is a 250-pound GPS-aided conventional air-to-ground precision glide weapon with an inertial navigation system and small autonomous, day or night, and adverse weather capabilities able to strike fixed and stationary targets from standoff ranges. It is intended to provide aircraft with an ability to carry a high number of bombs. Aircraft are able to carry four SDBs in place of one 2,000-pound bomb.

2. The GBU-39/B inert practice bombs with fuze are identical to a live tactical weapon except that the live warhead is replaced with an inert fill. These bombs are suited for training missions where a flight termination system or collection of telemetry data is not a necessity.

3. Common Munitions Built-In-Test (BIT)/Reprogramming Equipment (CMBRE) is support equipment used to interface with weapon systems to initiate and report BIT results, and upload and download flight software. CMBRE supports multiple munitions platforms with a range of applications that perform preflight checks, periodic maintenance checks, loading of Operational Flight Program (OFF) data, loading of munitions mission planning data, loading of Global Positioning System (GPS) cryptographic keys, and declassification of munitions memory.

4. The ADU-891 Adapter Group Test Set provides the physical and electrical interface between the CMBRE and the bomb.

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

6. 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 system effectiveness or be used in the development of a

system with similar or advanced capabilities.

7. A determination has been made that Romania 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.

8. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Romania.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING SWEETHEART BAKERY AND HOMER'S DELI

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as chair 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 Sweetheart Bakery and Homer's Deli of Clinton, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1950, Sweetheart Bakery began as a small family-owned operation when real-life sweethearts Charlie and Florence Thornton opened their first storefront on Main Avenue. Their son Charles J. Thornton joined the business, learned the beloved recipes, and eventually took the reins when his father passed away. In 1978, Charles, along with his wife Joanne moved Sweetheart Bakery one block west, expanding the business into its current storefront in the Lyons business district. After decades of success, the third generation of the Thornton family officially took over in 1998 when Charles' son Chuck and his wife Brenda purchased the Main Avenue shop. Upon taking over, they merged the family bakery with Homer's Deli, the next-door restaurant that the two also owned and managed.

With each generation, the bakery has evolved while maintaining its family values. Today, Sweetheart Bakery and Homer's Deli remain a family-owned and operated small business, and the fourth generation is already working alongside the business' 33 community-based employees. Chuck and Brenda's children Shauna and Derek help manage daily operations and are part owners of the company. The bakery remains committed to crafting everything from scratch, including its famous cakes, seasonal cookies, pastries, and handmade candy. Their homemade breads and buns, crafted from Grandpa Thornton's 75-year-old recipes, remain customer favorites, as do their world-famous Blarney Stones. Homer's Deli complements the bakery, offering fresh sandwiches and soups, making the establishment a go-to spot for the Clinton community, as well as local organizations looking to cater.

Beyond their commitment to quality food and baked goods, the Thornton

family actively supports the Clinton community. Chuck and Brenda play leading roles in the North River Drive project, working to revitalize the Lyons Business District and bring additional success to their neighboring small businesses. Brenda led many initiatives across the community in her role as president of the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce, which changed its name to Grow Clinton in 2022. Additionally, while on the board of Mercy One Hospital, Brenda worked to bring essential oncology equipment to Clinton. Chuck previously served as the president of the Lyons Business Association and partnered with the local middle school to teach Junior Achievement for many years. Today, Shauna currently serves as the secretary of the Lyons Business Association and leads as cochair of the annual chili cook-off and the Clinton Christmas Walk. In March, the Thornton family will celebrate the 75th anniversary of Sweetheart Bakery and Homer's Deli in Iowa.

With a legacy spanning over seven decades, Sweetheart Bakery and Homer's Deli's commitment to family values, incredible baking, and community service is clear. I want to congratulate the Thornton family and their entire team for bringing family baked goods, sandwiches, and more to communities across Iowa. I look forward to seeing their continued success.●

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. Res. 82. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### 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. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 626. A bill to improve the communications between social media platforms and law enforcement agencies, to establish the Federal Trade Commission Platform Safety Advisory Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHMITT (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. BRITT, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COONS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. KELLY):

S. 627. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make certain provisions with respect to qualified ABLE programs permanent; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BUDD, and Mr. MORENO):

S. 628. A bill to suspend the entry of covered aliens in response to the fentanyl public

health crisis; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. SCHIFF):

S. 629. A bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to remove barriers to agricultural producers in accessing funds to carry out emergency measures under the emergency conservation program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MULLIN (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 630. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make payments to the Quapaw Nation and certain members of the Quapaw Nation in accordance with the recommendation of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 631. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the rehabilitation credit for buildings in rural areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. MULLIN):

S. 632. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to allow Indian Health Service scholarship and loan recipients to fulfill service obligations through half-time clinical practice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 633. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Secretary to mint and issue certain Presidential and First Spouse coins; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REED, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WELCH, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 634. A bill to ensure due process protections of individuals in the United States against unlawful detention based solely on a protected characteristic; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TUBERVILLE (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 635. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recognize nurse registries for purposes of the Veterans Community Care Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 636. A bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. CURTIS, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 637. A bill to amend the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 638. A bill to amend the Act of June 22, 1948; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. BRITT (for herself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 639. A bill to allow a period in which members of the clergy may revoke their exemption from Social Security coverage, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LUJÁN (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 640. A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the Navajo Nation Water Resources Development Trust Fund, to amend the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 to make technical corrections to the Taos Pueblo Water Development Fund and Aamodt Settlement Pueblos' Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KING, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 641. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. SLOTKIN):

S. 642. A bill to provide compensation to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the taking without just compensation of land by the United States inside the exterior boundaries of the L'Anse Indian Reservation that were guaranteed to the Community under a treaty signed in 1854, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. Res. 82. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. Res. 83. A resolution designating February 2025 as "Hawaiian Language Month" or "Ōlelo Hawai'i Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FETTERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. COONS, Mr. KIM, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER):

S. Res. 84. A resolution congratulating the Philadelphia Eagles on their victory in Super Bowl LIX in the successful 105th season of the National Football League; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. Res. 85. A resolution congratulating the Jackson State University Tigers for winning the 2024 Celebration Bowl; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 94

At the request of Mr. CRAMER, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) were added as cosponsors of S. 94, a bill to award 3 Congressional Gold Medals to the members of the 1980 United States Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, in recognition of their extraordinary achievement at the XIII Olympic Winter Games where, being comprised of amateur collegiate