

Patrol Aircraft; six (6) MIDS JTRS 5; seven (7) LN-251 with EGLs; five (5) LAIRCM System Processor Replacements (each includes five (5) Exelis EGR GPS Receivers integrated with SAASM; and four (4) GLTA). The following non-MDE items were also included: aircraft spare parts; spare engines; support equipment; operational support systems; training; training devices; software; ETA; LTA; Roll; transportation; aircraft ferry; and other related elements of engineering, logistics, and program management support. The addition of these items resulted in a net increase in MDE value of \$800 million, resulting in a revised MDE cost of \$1.9 billion. The total estimated case value increased to \$3.2 billion.

This transmittal reports the addition of the following MDE items: four (4) P-8A Patrol Aircraft; six (6) MIDS JTRS 5; eleven (11) LN-251 with EGLs; six (6) LAIRCM System Processor Replacements (each includes five (5) Exelis EGR GPS Receivers integrated with SAASM); and six (6) (ILTA). The following non-MDE items will also be included: aircraft spare parts; spare engines; support equipment; operational support systems; training and training devices; software; ETA; logistics LTA; RoR; transportation; aircraft ferry; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost of the new items is \$3.7 billion. The estimated MDE value will increase by \$2.4 billion to a revised \$4.3 billion. The estimated non-MDE value will increase by \$1.3 billion to a revised \$2.6 billion. The estimated total case value will increase by \$3.7 billion to a revised \$6.9 billion.

(iv) Significance: This notification accounts for requested additional MDE and non-MDE items not included in the original notification. The inclusion of this MDE represents an increase in capability over what was previously notified. The proposed articles and services will support Germany's capability to meet current and future threats by providing critical capabilities to coalition maritime operations and will increase interoperability between the United States and Germany.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the security of a NATO Ally which is an important force for political and economic stability in Europe.

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

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

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: June 2, 2026.

#### ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. 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:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, DC.

#### CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Please find enclosed the following notification from the Department of State.

Department Notification Number: RSAT 26-39

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 26-39 concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Vietnam for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$100 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

#### Recipients:

Speaker of the House of Representatives  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs  
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

Sincerely,

PAUL D. GUAGLIANONE,  
Senior Bureau Official,  
Bureau of Legislative Affairs.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 26-39

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 Vietnam.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:  
Major Defense Equipment\* \$0.  
Other \$100 million.  
Total \$100 million.

Funding Source: Foreign Military Financing.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-Major Defense Equipment: The following non-MDE items will be included: engine propellers; aircraft components, parts, and accessories; ground handling equipment; spare parts, consumables and accessories, and repair and return support; training aids, devices, and spare parts; unclassified software; unclassified publications; studies and surveys; transportation support; 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 (VM-D-BAA).

(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: June 2, 2026.

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

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Vietnam—C-130 Sustainment

The Government of Vietnam has requested to buy engine propellers; aircraft components, parts, and accessories; ground handling equipment; spare parts, consumables and accessories, and repair and return sup-

port; training aids, devices, and spare parts; unclassified software; unclassified publications; studies and surveys; transportation support; 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 \$100 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by modernizing the air and transport capabilities of an Indo-Pacific partner.

The proposed sale will improve Vietnam's capability to meet current and future threats by ensuring the operational readiness of its C-130 aircraft fleet. The aircraft provides strategic airlift capabilities that directly support U.S. and coalition operations around the world. Vietnam 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 RTX Corporation, located in Arlington, VA. 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 Vietnam.

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

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 131, Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 736—Kathleen S. Lane, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 132, confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 736, Kathleen S. Lane, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 133, motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 743 Jeffrey M. Kuhlman, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 134, confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 743, Jeffrey M. Kuhlman, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 135, motion to proceed to Cal. No. 409, S.J. Res. 188, disapproving the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units: Final Repeal." If I were present, I would have voted yea.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 136, the motion to proceed to

Cal. No. 417, S. 2, To provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res 33. If I were present, I would have voted nay.

#### TRIBUTE TO JULIE LEDDY

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Julie Leddy after an incredible 29 years of dedicated service as the executive director of the Coventry Housing Authority in Rhode Island.

Julie has been a tireless champion and a respected leader. At the Coventry Housing Authority, she operated nearly 200 public housing units for elderly and disabled Rhode Islanders, oversaw another 260 Housing Choice Vouchers for other low-income individuals and families, and developed and attained an additional 121 affordable units in Coventry alone. Under Julie's leadership, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, designated the Coventry Housing Authority as a "High Performer," a status reserved for Public Housing Authorities that meet stringent physical, financial, and service requirements. "High Performer" is exactly the best way to describe Julie.

Julie didn't just master the nuts-and-bolts of public housing work; she implemented innovative ideas that expanded affordable housing opportunities in Rhode Island beyond standard programs. During Julie's tenure as executive director, Coventry Housing Authority became the first housing authority in Rhode Island to successfully implement the Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program, which helps first-time homebuyers use a Federal housing voucher to purchase a home. Julie also found creative ways to expand Rhode Island's affordable housing stock. She worked hard to connect two of Coventry's public housing developments to the municipal sewer system, which freed up land for 34 units of new affordable housing, and she partnered with the Smithfield Housing Authority—a separate Rhode Island public housing authority—to remediate and replace an old brownfield site with a new 42-unit community. This development, Georgiaville Village Green, was one of the first affordable housing developments for families in Smithfield.

Julie's passion for expanding housing opportunities extended beyond her role in Coventry. She served as co-president of the Public Housing Association of Rhode Island, PHARI, where she advised Rhode Island's State and local leaders on how best to protect and expand affordable housing. Indeed, I have long relied on Julie's deep well of housing expertise while crafting policy in the Senate. She was particularly instrumental to my efforts to expand the Family Self-Sufficiency, FSS, program, which helps HUD-assisted households increase savings and become more financially independent. Julie's insights helped shape my Family Self-

Sufficiency Act, which became law in 2018 and expanded FSS opportunities to more Americans, as well as my Helping More Families Save Act, which has passed both the House and Senate this Congress.

While Julie's retirement is well deserved, she will be missed. Julie, thank you for decades of hard work for Coventry and Rhode Island. You have left an enduring mark on our State. I wish you and your husband Kevin the very best as you begin your next chapter and enjoy more time with your daughters Paige, Alicia, and Elizabeth, as well as your grandchildren. Congratulations on a well-earned retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL 159

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, IBEW, Local 159 in Madison, WI, on their 125th anniversary. I am pleased to honor this organization and to commemorate this historic milestone.

Chartered in 1900, IBEW Local 159 began with only 25 members. These members all recognized that their union was crucial to improving the pay and working conditions for electrical workers in their community. At the time, many were experiencing 7-day work weeks with 12-hour workdays and pay as low as \$8 a week. Additionally, the work was difficult and dangerous with a fatality rate of 50 percent, twice the national average death rate for all other industries.

Today, IBEW Local 159 includes active members and retirees who work across many different fields, including construction, telecommunications, broadcasting, utilities, manufacturing, railroads, government, and coffee shops. Union members bargain collectively with employers for fair wages, benefits, rights, and legal protections. IBEW Local 159 members are also deeply involved in greater Madison community. Some of the projects members have volunteered for include Holiday Fantasy in Lights, Habitat for Humanity, Vilas Park Zoo Annual Fundraising programs, Ronald McDonald House, Halloween Tunnel of Terror, and Fishing Has No Boundaries.

As IBEW Local 159 celebrates its 125th anniversary, they hope to continue the successes of four previous generations by protecting their craft and geographic jurisdiction, continuing to organize contractors, and developing their apprenticeship and training programs. This will allow them to build solidarity among their members and protect quality work into the future.

As we honor this significant milestone for IBEW Local 159, I am grateful for their continued support of skilled trade workers, and I look forward to their continued success and impact in the years to come.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF MALVERN, ARKANSAS

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of the city of Malvern, AR.

Located in central Arkansas, Malvern has built a proud heritage rooted in hard work, innovation, and community. Since its incorporation in 1876, generations of residents have helped shape a city known for its resilience, strong local economy, and commitment to preserving its unique character.

Established along the Cairo and Fulton Railroad, Malvern quickly emerged as a center for commerce, agriculture, and industry. Its designation as the Hot Spring County seat in 1878 further strengthened its importance to the region and helped lay the foundation for decades of growth.

The area's rich clay deposits made Malvern an ideal location for brick production. Following devastating downtown fires in 1896 and 1897, residents rebuilt with brick, helping establish an industry that would become closely associated with the community. The presence of Acme Brick Company further cemented Malvern's reputation as a manufacturing center and contributed an identity it proudly adopted as the "Brick Capital of the World."

Wartime needs spurred further industrial activity in the region in the 1940s, including extensive barium mining as well as the construction of an aluminum reduction factory and the Lake Catherine Steam Generating Plant within Hot Spring County. These industries, along with the presence of the Reynolds Metals Company, supported economic growth and helped draw in new residents and opportunities to the area.

Today, the community is home to Arkansas State University Three Rivers and the Ouachita River Whitewater Park, which invites visitors from across Arkansas and neighboring States. The area's many attractions also include the widely renowned Garvan Woodland Gardens, a botanical estate on Lake Hamilton developed by Malvern's Verna Garvan and bequeathed to the University of Arkansas Department of Landscape Architecture.

Congratulations to the entire community on this sesquicentennial celebration. The city's rich history and continued growth are a testament to the strength of its people and their commitment to building a bright future. I am pleased to recognize this milestone and join Arkansans in celebrating 150 years of achievement, service, and community in Malvern.●

##### RECOGNIZING FAIRFIELD DENTAL CLINIC

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as chair of the Senate Committee on Small