

by two colors: blue and gold—more specifically “denim” and “wheat,” the two colors used to paint every highway circling Milwaukee. Why these colors? Well, for one, because they are the colors of Milwaukee’s own Marquette University. And for two, because of the hard work of a woman named Rana Altenburg.

With more than 30 years serving as Marquette University associate vice president for public affairs, Rana Altenburg’s legacy reaches far beyond choosing those two colors while she chaired the Marquette Interchange Color Committee. Her impact on the city of Milwaukee, the State of Wisconsin, and Washington, DC, was profound. While Rana retired at the end of 2025, her legacy will be felt for years to come.

In fact, it is difficult to walk more than a few blocks in Milwaukee, or even Wisconsin, without encountering Rana’s handiwork. Crossing Wisconsin Avenue on Marquette’s campus? Rana worked alongside city officials to install the medians bisecting the busy street. Enjoying a “blue moon” popsicle from Pete’s Pops on a summer day in Milwaukee? The local business was the inaugural winner of Rev-Up MKE, a small business pitch competition put on by the nonprofit that Rana helped found in 2015. Going to a dental check up in Eau Claire, WI? Your teeth are probably being cleaned by someone from Marquette’s esteemed dental school, which Rana championed.

A few blocks down from Marquette’s campus sits Milwaukee’s “Near West Side,” a group of seven neighborhoods that, in the 2010s, were in dire need of reinvestment. Rana brought together five anchor institutions in Milwaukee—Marquette, Advocate Aurora Health, Harley-Davidson, Molson Coors, and Potawatomi Ventures—to establish a nonprofit dedicated to revitalizing the city’s Near West Side as a business and residential corridor. Ten years later, Near West Side Partners—NWSP—with Rana at the helm as the nonprofit’s board president, is thriving. Thanks to the hard work of NWSP, more than 50 new small businesses have opened in the area, crime has decreased by double-digits, home ownership rates are up, and the opening of the mixed-use space, Concordia 27, has given Milwaukeeans a new community hub.

Beyond Wisconsin, Rana is one of the strongest advocates for Marquette’s Les Aspin Center for Government in Washington, DC. The program, which brings students out to the Nation’s Capital to study American political systems and to intern across the city, has expanded its reach during Rana’s tenure. She leveraged the university’s tightly knit alumni network to place students at internships ranging from congressional offices to healthcare advocacy. As a direct result of Rana’s support for the program, Marquette alumni populate Capitol Hill in extraordinary numbers.

Rana is a familiar face to folks on Capitol Hill, even to those who didn’t attend the Les Aspin Center. She worked alongside congressional staff to bring millions in funding to Marquette to support the university’s dental school, the only one in the State of Wisconsin; to bolster Marquette’s nursing program by securing funding for the school’s clinical simulation lab; and to boost the redevelopment of Milwaukee’s Near West Side.

But she lent her talents to many other worthy causes, including to the James Wright Foley Foundation, a nonprofit named for the Marquette alumnus and journalist who was tragically captured and killed by ISIS while reporting in Syria. Through her efforts and the work of my colleague Senator SHAHEEN, the foundation will receive a \$350,000 earmark this year to support their work promoting journalists’ safety abroad and to preserve the James Wright Foley Archives at Marquette.

In recognition of her outstanding work, the Milwaukee Business Journal has honored Rana, first as a “Forty Under 40” awardee and subsequently, as a “Woman of Influence”. But what the well-deserved profiles in the Milwaukee Business Journal often forget to mention are the hours she invested in mentoring Marquette students. Affectionately referring to them as her “superstar interns,” Rana mentored hundreds of students through the Marquette Office of Public Affairs, carving out time in her intense schedule to foster her interns’ interest in public policy. She welcomed her students into the legislative process and even brought them along to meetings and events, allowing her interns to take an active role in advancing the university’s priorities. Years later, those same “superstar interns” are now serving as legislative aides, communications professionals, and legal counsel across Capitol Hill, including on my own staff and on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

But Rana takes no job more seriously than her role as a Marquette basketball superfan. A long-time season ticket holder, Rana is a fixture at the Fiserv Forum in the sea of university students. If you keep your eye out during the Big East tournament, it is not uncommon to spot Rana, decked out in blue and gold, in the crowd during an away game. And as perhaps the greatest contribution a superfan can make, Rana worked tirelessly to ensure the Marquette Golden Eagles could play at the new Fiserv Forum, keeping Marquette in the very small club of college teams that play in an NBA arena.

In everything she did, Rana imbued one of Marquette’s guiding principles, *cura personalis*, which translates to “care for the whole person.” Because of her guidance, Milwaukee has grown thoughtfully and deliberately, Capitol Hill has been made more compassionate and decent, and even that dentist in Eau Claire provides more wholesome care.

While Rana dedicated the last 30 years to improving both Milwaukee and Wisconsin, she will always be a daughter of Northbrook, IL. My staff, especially the Marquette graduates she mentored; my son, a Marquette alumnus; and I congratulate Rana on a long and storied career. We wish Rana, her husband Jeff, her two daughters Hannah and Sophia, her son-in-law Jack, and her new granddaughter Nora, all the best in the years to come.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

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COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 26-03, concerning the Air Force’s proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$3.16 billion.

Sincerely,
MICHAEL F. MILLER,
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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 Australia.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$2.61 billion.

Other \$.55 billion.

Total \$3.16 billion.

Funding Source: National Funds.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Up to four hundred fifty (450) AIM-260 Joint Advanced Tactical Missiles (JATM).

Up to five (5) AIM-260 JATM Integration Test Vehicles (ITV).

Up to thirty (30) AIM-260 JATM Guided Test Vehicles (GTV).

Non-Major Defense Equipment:

The following non-MDE items will also be included: ammunition containers; shoe jettison assemblies; KGV-135A embedded communications security devices; spare parts, consumables, and accessories; repair and return support; component parts and spare equipment; training aids, devices, and spare parts; weapon system support and test equipment; classified and unclassified software delivery and support; classified and unclassified publications and technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment; transportation support; site surveys; warranties; 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 (AT-D-YAO).

(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: January 23, 2026.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Australia—AIM-260 Joint Advanced Tactical Missiles

The Government of Australia has requested to buy up to four hundred fifty (450) AIM-260 Joint Advanced Tactical Missiles (JATM); up to five (5) AIM-260 JATM Integration Test Vehicles (ITV); and up to thirty (30) AIM-260 JATM Guided Test Vehicles (GTV). The following nonMDE items will also be included: ammunition containers; shoe jettison assemblies; KGV-135 A embedded communications security devices; spare parts, consumables, and accessories; repair and return support; component parts and spare equipment; training aids, devices, and

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This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States. Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the Western Pacific. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist our ally in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

The proposed sale will improve Australia's capability to meet current and future threats by ensuring Australia has modern, capable air-to-air munitions that improve interoperability between the United States and the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). Australia will have no difficulty absorbing these articles 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, located in Orlando, FL. 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 Australia.

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 AIM-260 Joint Advanced Tactical Missile (JATM) is a GPS-aided air superiority missile with increased range and effectiveness over existing air-to-air weapons with Precise Positioning Services provided by Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module or M-Code. Anti-tampering security measures have been incorporated into the AIM-260 to prevent exploitation of the software.

2. The AIM-260 Guided Test Vehicle (GTV) is an instrumented version of the missile where the warhead is replaced with a telemetry unit to capture missile data parameters during live-fire flight testing.

3. The AIM-260 Integration Test Vehicle (ITV) is a modified AIM-260 missile used for captive test purposes.

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

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 Australia 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 Australia.

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