

connection with this potential sale. Any off-set agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

Implementation of the proposed sale will require U.S. Government and contractor personnel to visit Spain on a temporary basis in conjunction with program technical oversight and support requirements, including program and technical reviews, as well as to provide training and maintenance support in country.

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-104

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 AEGIS Weapon System (AWS) is a multi-mission combat system providing integrated air and missile defense (IAMD) for surface ships. This sale involves a subset of the AWS Baseline 9 anti-air warfare (AAW) capability called the International AEGIS Fire Control Loop integrated with ballistic missile defense (BMD) capability.

The Multi-Mission Signal Processor is a critical component supporting the operation of the SPY-ID and SPY-ID(V) radars present on Spain's Alvaro-de-Bazan-class frigates. The system provides those sensors with the resourcing to simultaneously operate AAW and BMD equipment for a complete IAMD capability.

The MK 41 Vertical Launch System (VLS) is a fixed, vertical, multi-missile launching system. The MK 41 VLS provides the capability to store and launch multiple missile variants depending on the mission, including Evolved Sea Sparrow Missile and Standard Missiles.

The Next Generation Surface Search Radar (NGSSR) is the U.S. Navy's multi-mission navigation, surface search, and periscope detection radar. The NGSSR replaces multiple legacy surface radar systems.

The ultra high frequency satellite communications (SATCOM) RT-1829 terminal is a commercially available SATCOM terminal. This provides ship-to-ship or ship-to-shore communications via voice or data connectivity.

The Global Positioning System (GPS) Miniature Precision Lightweight GPS Receiver (PLGR) Engine (MPE) with M-Code is a GPS receiver that utilizes the military M-Code for enhanced security and anti-jamming capabilities. The GPS MPE M-Code provides highly accurate positioning, navigation, and timing data in environments where GPS signals may be contested or denied.

The Common Data Link Hawklink AN/SRQ-4 radio terminal set provides the shipboard element of a situation awareness system that links airborne terminals with surface warships. The system provides real-time use of aircraft sensors to extend situational awareness over the horizon by enabling surveillance helicopters to data-link radar, video, networking, and acoustic data to various surface ships. It provides the command and control, sensor data transfer, data link operations, and built-in test functionality. It supports anti-submarine warfare (ASW) and antiship surveillance and targeting missions.

The Torpedo Countermeasure Transmitting Set AN/SLQ-25 (Nixie) is a passive, electro-acoustic decoy system used to provide deceptive countermeasures against acoustic homing torpedoes. The AN/SLQ-25 employs an underwater acoustic projector housed in a streamlined body which is towed astern on a combination tow/signal-transfer coaxial cable. An onboard generated signal is used by the towed body to produce an acous-

tic signal to decoy the hostile torpedo away from the ship.

The MK 331 Torpedo Setting Panel (TSP) is a device used to program and configure torpedoes prior to launch. The MK 331 TSP provides the capability to set parameters such as depth, speed, and target selection for torpedoes.

The MK 32 Surface Vessel Torpedo Tube (SVTT) is a trainable, lightweight torpedo launching system. The MK 32 SVTT provides surface combatants with an ASW capability to launch lightweight torpedoes against underwater threats.

The MK 45 Mod 2 Gun Weapon System (GWS) is a lightweight, rapid-fire, automatic gun system designed for use against surface, air, and shore targets. The MK 45 Mod 2 GWS provides naval vessels with effective firepower for various mission requirements, including naval surface fire support, anti-ship engagement, and limited air defense.

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

3. 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.

4. A determination has been made that the Government of Spain can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO COLIN MACDONALD

• Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Colin MacDonald or, as his listeners in the Brainerd Lakes Area have known him for over 30 years, "Mac," as he begins his retirement.

Mac first moved to Brainerd in 1992. He fell in love not just with the beauty of the Brainerd Lakes Area, but with the community that made it such a special place for him and his family to build the next chapter of their lives. Mac quickly began hosting overnights as "Mac in the Middle of the Night" on the Power Loon local radio station.

Mac eventually went on to host mornings with his friend and coworker Danny Wild. For 25 years, Mac and Danny were an iconic duo who brought news, laughs, and warmth to the mornings of thousands of Minnesotans. Danny lost his battle with cancer last year, a loss felt by people across the region, but especially by his close and loyal friend Mac.

The kindness and dedication that listeners could hear in Mac and Danny's friendship was a staple of Mac's broadcasting career. In 1994, Mac started calling play-by-play for Brainerd Warriors high school sports, covering football, basketball, baseball, and hockey. For over 30 years, Mac was the voice of

Brainerd Warriors sports, calling over 2,000 games, an honor for which Brainerd High School inducted him into the Hall of Fame.

In 2026, as the saying goes, "Everyone watches women's sports." But thanks to Mac, the Brainerd Lakes Area was ahead of the times as he brought coverage of girls' high school sports into the cars and homes of fans, parents, and perhaps most importantly, their daughters.

Mac's commitment to his listeners is matched only by his commitment to giving back to the community directly. He has volunteered as an emcee and spokesperson for both the Minnesota Special Olympics Polar Plunge and the Brainerd/Baxter Walk for Diabetes. He has cochaired multiple United Way campaigns. And he coached girls softball and boys baseball for 15 years, carrying the same dedication to these kids and their teams onto the field that he displayed on the radio for so many years.

Mac is a household name throughout the Brainerd Lakes Area. While his voice is now off the air, the joy that Mac brought to listeners and loved ones alike will be a lasting legacy.

Mac, the Brainerd Lakes region and our entire State are better off because of you. I wish you a restful and well-earned retirement surrounded by those who are lucky enough to call you friend or family.●

REMEMBERING ROBERT T. "BOB" MARSHALL

• Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of Professor Robert T. "Bob" Marshall, a beloved member of the Columbia community, an educator at the University of Missouri, and a Tiger whose legacy continues to bring joy to generations of Missourians. Dr. Marshall dedicated his life to the institution he loved. After earning his PhD in dairy science microbiology from the University of Missouri, Dr. Marshall joined the faculty and shaped the future of food science, mentoring countless students as a leader in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, CAFNR. But beyond his research and teaching, it was the way Dr. Marshall made people feel that defines his enduring legacy.

No tradition captures the spirit of Dr. Marshall's impact more than the annual Tiger Walk. Each fall, first-year students gather beneath the iconic columns to mark their entry into the Mizzou family. And at the heart of this rite of passage is a scoop of Tiger Stripe ice cream. Invented by Dr. Marshall, Tiger Stripe has become more than just a dessert; it is a memory shared by every new Tiger joining the Mizzou family.

The people of Columbia knew Dr. Marshall not just as a professor, but as a neighbor, a mentor, and a friend. He poured his heart into his work and into his community, and the impact of that devotion is still felt today.

I am proud to honor Dr. Marshall's life of service, mentorship, and innovation. He embodied the very best of the Show-Me spirit, and I am grateful for the mark he left on Missouri, on Mizzou, and on all of us who call ourselves Tigers.●

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER CHRISTOPHER HOOD

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Commander Hood, a proud native of Dexter, MO, whose distinguished service in the U.S. Navy embodies the very best of our State and our country.

Moved by the tragic events of September 11, Lieutenant Commander Hood answered the call to serve by enlisting as a nuclear machinist's mate. His dedication and talent quickly set him apart, earning him a commission and assignments aboard the USS *Maryland*. He went on to serve with distinction in several critical roles, including auxiliaries division officer aboard the USS *Ronald Reagan*, anti-submarine warfare officer aboard the USS *Hue City*, and chief engineer aboard the USS *Rafael Peralta*.

Now on his fourth tour, Lieutenant Commander Hood commands a crew of 80 American sailors aboard the Mine Countermeasure Ship USS *Pioneer*. His leadership on the frontlines of the Indo-Pacific has been vital in preserving a free and open region in the face of growing threats from the Chinese Communist Party. Through every mission, his steady hand and unwavering resolve have made a difference.

For his outstanding service, Lieutenant Commander Hood has earned numerous commendations, including the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. These accolades reflect not just his professional excellence, but a steadfast commitment to duty and country. Lieutenant Commander Hood's career is a testament to the strength, character, and patriotism that define the American people. I am proud to honor him today for his exemplary service and sacrifice. Lieutenant Commander Hood is truly a Champion of Missouri and a credit to the uniform he wears and the nation he defends.●

TRIBUTE TO TED MARTIN

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Ted Martin of Branson, MO. Over his remarkable 30 years with Branson Fire Rescue, he has guided the city's fire department through a period of rapid change and modernization. During his time as fire chief, he has consistently demonstrated a deep-rooted commitment to ensuring the brave men and women of Branson Fire Rescue are able to protect their fellow people of Branson as safely as possible. Over Chief Martin's incredible 13-year term, his team has maintained some of the lowest fire loss values across the region, serving as a

testament to the entire force's selfless dedication and commitment to community safety.

Chief Ted Martin has continually shown himself to be an outstanding community leader, and his stable leadership will no doubt be deeply missed. I am blessed to call Chief Martin a fellow Missourian, and he has more than proven himself as a Champion of Missouri. I wish him and his family the best as he begins his retirement this April.●

TRIBUTE TO HARRIET TURNER

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Harriet Turner and her fellow volunteers as Missourians who have gone above and beyond in serving the St. Louis community. Shortly after retiring from a remarkable 25-year career as a nurse at Missouri Baptist Medical Center, Ms. Turner quickly began looking for ways to help others in need and began volunteering at the same hospital. She and her colleagues' warmth and compassion for others, especially for those in crisis, is commendable and has helped countless families over the years.

Ms. Turner is truly a Champion of Missouri. Her spirit of service is not limited to Missouri Baptist. In her free time, she has helped organize a community garden to help struggling St. Louis families access fresh produce and has volunteered her time to creating prom dresses for young adults in the foster system. Her dedication to helping others—not for acclaim, but out of a genuine love of service—is truly inspiring. Her commitment to serving our fellow Missourians is nothing short of remarkable, and I am deeply grateful for her selfless work, which has had a profound impact on the St. Louis community.●

RECOGNIZING MISSOURI ON A MISSION

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the selfless service and commitment to serving others shown by the volunteers of Missouri on a Mission, lineworkers and community leaders from various electric cooperatives across the Show-Me-State. Whenever severe weather or harsh conditions damage our State's key infrastructure, these brave men and women are quick to respond and devote their energy to restoring power for impacted families.

On January 12, 10 outstanding linemen volunteered their time and expertise and traveled to Jamaica to help the nation recover from serious damage caused by Hurricane Melissa last October. Over the next weeks, these heroic men restored key transmission lines, rebuilt and raised fallen poles, and overall helped the island nation get back to an even footing. I would like to briefly recognize and thank each of these remarkable Missourians:

-From the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives, Craig Moeller and Jim McCarty

-From Black River Electric Cooperative, Chris Turner and Colton Stickferd

-From Cuivre River Electric Cooperative, Jacob Tiefenthaler and Rodney Braddy

-From Lewis County Electric Cooperative, Joe Lay

-From Northwest Electric Power Cooperative, Eric Peepers

-From SEMO Electric Cooperative, Jared Kelley

-From Three Rivers Electric Cooperative, Alex Buschjost

I am deeply grateful to each of these selfless individuals for their service and for their commitment to helping the people of Jamaica regain a sense of normalcy. Each of them exemplifies the principle of citizen leadership that has made our Nation great and are truly Heartland Heroes.●

TRIBUTE TO DOUG ALLISON

● Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, as the junior Senator from the great State of South Carolina, it is my honor today to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary career of Doug Allison, who is retiring after 31 remarkable years as the head coach of the Furman University men's soccer program.

Coach Allison's tenure at Furman represents one of the most successful coaching careers in collegiate soccer history. With a career record of 365 wins, 175 losses, and 77 ties, he stands as the winningest coach in Southern Conference history, a true testament to his talent, leadership, and commitment to excellence over three decades.

Under Coach Allison's guidance, the Furman Paladins have achieved unprecedented success. He led the program to 12 Southern Conference regular season titles, 11 conference tournament championships, and 11 NCAA Tournament appearances. His final season, though, may have been his finest. With a record of 16-2-5, he steered the team to win both the regular season and tournament titles, as well as the school's first-ever appearance in the NCAA Men's College Cup, finishing the season ranked third in the Nation.

Beyond wins and championships, Coach Allison has been a mentor and developer of young talent. During his 31 seasons, he produced 151 All-Southern Conference selections, 31 All-Americans, 15 United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-Americans, and 9 MLS draft picks. His influence extended far beyond college soccer. Three of his former players went on to represent the U.S. National Soccer Team and scored in the FIFA World Cup competition, bringing honor to Furman University and the Palmetto State.

Coach Allison's impact on Furman University, the Southern Conference, and collegiate soccer cannot be overstated. He has built a legacy of excellence, integrity, and leadership that will inspire future generations of student-athletes.