

**7. The Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing System (JHMCS) provides an off-boresight visual targeting of sensors and weapons with a head-out display where the pilot is looking. The system improves situational awareness in visual combat while providing off-boresight visual cueing and threat identification. Also, when combined with a high off-boresight missile, aircraft weapon system lethality is improved for short-range air-to-air engagements.**

**8. The configuration requested is compatible for use in F-18 aircraft. The configuration consists of the following equipment: electronics unit, cockpit unit, magnetic transition unit, seat position sensor, mounting bracket, lower helmet vehicle interface, helmet display unit, visor day, visor night, visor high contrast, oxygen mask, helmet upper interface, JHMCS/ANVIS-9 Night Vision Goggles adapters, and JHMCS helmet bag. The JHMCS is classified as Confidential.**

**9. The MIDS Enhanced Interference Blanking Units (EIBU) enhances input/output signal capacity of the MIDS LVT and addresses parts obsolescence.**

**10. The configuration requested is compatible for use in F-18 aircraft. The configuration consists of the following equipment: MX-11741/A interference blanker.**

**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 which 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 Switzerland 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.**

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 03-09]

**36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated July 21, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 03-09 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: March 19, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**  
*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

1 8 MAR 2003

In reply refer to:  
I-03/001564

**The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House of  
Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501**

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 03-09, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Thailand for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$35 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Millies".

Richard J. Millies  
Deputy Director

**Attachments**

**Same ltr to: House Committee on International Relations  
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
House Committee on Armed Services  
Senate Committee on Armed Services  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Senate Committee on Appropriations**

**Transmittal No. 03-09**

**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:** Thailand
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- |                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$27 million        |
| Other                    | <u>\$ 8 million</u> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>\$35 million</b> |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** two UH-60L BLACKHAWK helicopters with T-700-GE-701C engines, two spare T-700-GE-701C engines, M130 chaff dispenser, receivers, spare and repair parts, gun pods, tools and support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team (QAT), contractor engineering and technical support services and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Army (WEZ)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:**  
FMS case WES - \$30 million – 30Aug02  
FMS case WEC - \$20 million – 27Sep00
- (vi) **Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:** none
- (vii) **Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:** See Annex attached
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 1 8 MAR 2003

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

## **POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

### **Thailand – UH-60L BLACKHAWK Helicopters**

The Government of Thailand has requested a possible sale of two UH-60L BLACKHAWK helicopters with T-700 engines, two spare T-700 engines, M130 chaff dispenser, receivers, spare and repair parts, gun pods, tools and support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team (QAT), contractor engineering and technical support services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$35 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in South East Asia.

This procurement will upgrade its air mobility capability and provide for the defense of vital installations and close air support for ground forces. Thailand will have no difficulty absorbing these helicopters into its armed forces.

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

The principle contractor will be United Technology, Sikorsky Aircraft of Stratford, Connecticut. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will require the assignment of several U.S. Government Quality Assurance Teams for one-week intervals, twice annually, to participate in program management and technical reviews. There will be several U.S. Army National Guard Personnel, for a month, and a contractor field service representative, for two years, in Thailand.

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

## Transmittal No. 03-09

**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 UH-60L BLACKHAWK helicopter is Unclassified. The highest level of classified information required to be released for training, operation and maintenance of the BLACKHAWK is Confidential. The highest level which could be revealed through reverse engineering or testing of the end item is Confidential.**

**2. A determination has been made that Thailand 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.**

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Board of Visitors Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition University.

**ACTION:** Board of Visitors meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The next meeting of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Board of Visitors (BoV) will be held at Defense Acquisition University, Capital and Northeast Region, 9820 Belvoir Road, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, from 0900-1500. The purpose of this meeting is to report back to the BoV on continuing items of interest.

**DATES:** April 16, 2003 from 0900-1500.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Diane Reid at 703-805-5133.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public; however, because of space limitations, allocation of seating will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Persons desiring to attend the meeting should call Ms. Diane Reid at 703-805-5133.

Dated: March 11, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**  
*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison  
Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****DoD Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries; Notice of Meeting**

**SUMMARY:** A meeting of the Board has been scheduled to execute the provisions of Chapter 56, Title 10, United States Code (10 U.S.C. 1114 *et seq.*). The Board shall review DoD actuarial methods and assumptions to be used in the valuation of benefits under DoD retiree health care programs for Medicare-eligible beneficiaries. Persons desiring to: (1) Attend the DoD Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries meeting or, (2) make an oral presentation or submit a written statement for consideration at the meeting, must notify Bill Klunk at 703-696-7404 by April 25, 2003.

Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**DATES:** May 2, 2003, 10-1:30.

**ADDRESSES:** 1400 Key Boulevard, California Room, RAA-125, Arlington, VA 22209.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Klunk, DoD Office of the Actuary, 1555 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 701, Arlington, VA 22209-2405, (703) 696-7404.

Dated: March 19, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**  
*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison  
Officer, Department of Defense*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Defense Science Board**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Enduring Freedom Lessons Learned will meet in closed session on April 2, 2003, in Washington, DC; April 8, 2003, location TBD; April 21, 2003, location TBD; May 14-27, 2003, location TBD; and June 4-6, 2003, in Washington, DC. This Task Force will review current activities of Operation Enduring Freedom to determine both near and longer-term technical and operational considerations that could be used to improve this operation and future campaigns initiated in the War Against Terrorism.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will review and evaluate operational policy and procedures, command and control, intelligence, combat support activities, weapon system performance, and science and technology requirements.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, as amended (5