meeting of the Independent Review Panel on Military Medical Construction Standards ("the Panel").

DATES:
Tuesday, July 14, 2015
8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m. EDT
(Administrative Working Meeting)
9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. EDT (Open Session)
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. EDT
(Administrative Working Meeting)

ADDRESSES: Defense Health Headquarters (DHHQ), Pavilion Salons B–C, 7700 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, Virginia 22042 (escort required; see guidance in SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION, "Public’s Accessibility to the Meeting").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Executive Director and Designated Federal Officer is Ms. Christine Bader, 7700 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 5101, Falls Church, Virginia 22042, Christine.e.bader.civ@mail.mil, (703) 681–6653, Fax: (703) 681–9539. For meeting information, please contact Ms. Kendal Brown, 7700 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 5101, Falls Church, Virginia 22042, Kendal.l.brown2.ctr@mail.mil, (703) 681–6670, Fax: (703) 681–9539.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting
At this meeting, the Panel will address the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2011 (Pub. L. 111–383), Section 2852(b) requirement to provide the Secretary of Defense independent advice and recommendations regarding a construction standard for military medical centers to provide a single standard of care, as set forth below:

a. Reviewing the unified medical construction standards to determine the standards consistency with industry practices and benchmarks for world class medical construction;

b. Reviewing ongoing construction programs within the DoD to ensure medical construction standards are uniformly applied across applicable military centers;

c. Assessing the DoD approach to planning and programming facility improvements with specific emphasis on facility selection criteria and proportional assessment system; and

d. Facility programming responsibilities between the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and the Secretaries of the Military Departments;

e. Making recommendations regarding any adjustments of the Master Plan that are needed to ensure the provision of world class military medical centers and delivery system in the National Capital Region.

Agenda
Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165 and subject to availability of space, the Panel meeting is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on July 14, 2015, as the Panel will meet in an open forum to deliberate findings and recommendations that will be contained in the Panel's final report to the Secretary of Defense.

Availability of Materials for the Meeting
A copy of the agenda or any updates to the agenda for the July 14, 2015 meeting, as well as any other materials presented, may be obtained at the meeting.

Public's Accessibility to the Meeting
Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165 and subject to availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is limited and is on a first-come basis. All members of the public who wish to attend the public meeting must contact Ms. Kendal Brown at the number listed in the section FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT no later than 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2015, to register and make arrangements for an escort, if necessary. Public attendees requiring escort should arrive with sufficient time to complete security screening no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Completion of security screening, please come prepared to present two forms of identification and one must be a picture identification card.

Special Accommodations
Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact Ms. Kendal Brown at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written Statements
Any member of the public wishing to provide comments to the Panel may do so in accordance with 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and the procedures described in this notice.

Individuals desiring to provide comments to the Panel may do so by submitting a written statement to the Executive Director (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT). Written statements should address the following details: The issue, discussion, and a recommended course of action. Supporting documentation may also be included, as needed, to establish the appropriate historical context and to provide any necessary background information.

If the written statement is not received at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting, the Executive Director may choose to postpone consideration of the statement until the next open meeting.

The Executive Director will review all timely submissions with the Panel Chairperson and ensure they are provided to members of the Panel before the meeting that is subject to this notice. After reviewing the written comments, the Panel Chairperson and the Executive Director may choose to invite the submitter to orally present their issue during an open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting. The Executive Director, in consultation with the Panel Chairperson, may allot time for members of the public to present their issues for review and discussion by the Panel.

Dated: June 17, 2015.
Aaron Siegel,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary
[Transmittal No. 15–24]
36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification
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. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601–3740.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 15–24 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: June 18, 2015.

Aaron Siegel,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

The Honorable John A. Boehner
Speakers of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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. 15-24, concerning the Department of the Navy’s proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Republic of Korea for defense articles and services estimated to cost $1.91 billion. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a press statement to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Vice Admiral, USN
Director

Enclosures:
1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification
3. Sensitivity of Technology

Transmittal No. 15–24
Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Republic of Korea

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment * $1.21 billion
Other ...................................... $0.70 billion
TOTAL ............................ $1.91 billion

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:
Aegis Shipboard Combat Systems, 3 MK–41 Vertical Launching Systems, 3 Common Data Link Management Systems, 3 AN/UPX–29(V) Identification Friend or Foe Interrogators, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and
technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, tool and test equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical, engineering, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (LQI)
(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: FMS case LPN–$1.06B–10Aug02
(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 Attached Annex (viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: 09 JUNE 2015

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Republic of Korea—Aegis Combat System

The Republic of Korea (ROK) has requested a possible sale of 3 Aegis Shipboard Combat Systems, 3 MK–41 Vertical Launching Systems, 3 Common Data Link Management Systems, 3 AN/UPX–29(V) Identification Friend or Foe Interrogators, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, tool and test equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical, engineering, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The total estimated cost is $1.91 billion.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by meeting the legitimate security and defense needs of an ally and partner nation. The ROK is one of the major political and economic powers in East Asia and the Western Pacific and a key partner of the United States in ensuring peace and stability in that region. It is vital to the U.S. interest to assist our Korean ally in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

The Aegis Combat System will provide enhanced capabilities on the ROK’s naval ships to defend against possible aggression and protect sea lines of communications. Aegis is the keystone in the ROK Navy’s efforts to upgrade its shipboard combat and ballistic missile defense capability. The ROK will have no difficulty integrating this system into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractors will be Raytheon Company in Andover, Massachusetts; General Dynamics Armament Systems in Burlington, Vermont. Although offsets are requested, they will be unknown this time and will be determined during negotiations between the ROK and contractors.

Implementation of this proposal sale will not require any additional U.S. government or U.S. contractor personnel in Korea. However, U.S. Government or contractor personnel in-country visits will be required on a temporary basis in conjunction with program technical oversight and support requirements for approximately five years.

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

Transmittal No. 15–24

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. Aegis Weapon System (AWS) hardware is Unclassified, with the exception of the RF oscillator used in the Fire Control transmitter, which is classified Confidential. Aegis document in general is unclassified. However, seven operation and maintenance manuals are classified Confidential, and there is also a classified Secret supplement to the Aegis Combat System Maintenance Manual. The manuals and technical documents are limited to those necessary for operational use and organizational maintenance.

2. While the hardware associated with the SPY–1D radar is Unclassified, the computer programs are classified Secret. It is the combination of the SPY–1D hardware and the computer program for the SPY–1D radar that constitutes the technology sensitive aspects of the AWS. SPY–1D radar hardware design and computer program documentation will not be released.

3. The AN/UPX–29(V) AIMS MK XIIA Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) system, includes the AN/UPX–41(C) Interrogator Set. The AN/UPX–29(V) IFF includes new waveforms that improve identification coverage, enhances the ability to discriminate between closely spaced platforms, is compatible with civilian air traffic control, and provides enhanced security. The equipment has embedded communication security and is protected internal to Unclassified equipment.

4. 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.

5. A determination has been made that the recipient country can provide 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.

6. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Republic of Korea.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2015–ICCD–0080]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Income Based Repayment Notifications

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 et seq.), ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 24, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov by selecting Docket ID number ED–2015–ICCD–0080 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted; ED will ONLY accept comments during the comment period in this mailbox when the regulations.gov site is not available. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Mailstop L–OM–2–2E319, Room 2E103, Washington, DC 20202.

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