DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket ID: USA–2015–0026]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Civil Works Directorate, Department of Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Civil Works Directorate, Department of Army announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received September 21, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at http://www.regulations.gov for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Directorate of Civil Works, Office of Planning and Policy, ATTN: Douglas Gorecki, 441 G Street, Washington, DC 20314, or call 202–761–5450.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Associated Form; and OMB Number: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Instrument(s) for Navigation Improvement Survey(s), Generic Collection OMB Control Number 0710–5450.

Needs and Uses: The primary purpose of the collections to be conducted under this clearance is to provide data which will be used in conjunction with other information to derive numerical values of shipper’s, waterway carrier’s and commercial fisher’s behavior and estimates of transportation cost savings resulting from changes to the navigation infrastructure. In general, all collections under this generic clearance will be designed based upon accepted statistical practices and sampling methodologies, will gather consistent and valid data that are representative of the target population(s), address non-response bias issues, and achieve response rates needed to obtain statistically useful results.

Affected Public: Commodity shippers who use coastal harbors and/or inland waterways; carriers who transit inland waterways; and commercial fishers.

Annual Burden Hours: 500 hours.

Number of Respondents: 1500.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 0.33 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondents are users of the nation’s inland waterways, harbors and ports including commercial shippers and commercial fishermen. The sample population is typically identified using available data on vessel ownership, commodities shipped; port residents (firms) and commercial fishing fleet owners and licensed fishers. The surveys are often coordinated with local governments and trade associations to encourage cooperation for a high response rate.

Dated: July 15, 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. 15–33]

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: Sarah A. Ragan or Heather N. Harwell, DSCA/LMO, (703) 604–1546/(703) 607–5339.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 15–33 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: July 15, 2015.

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The Honorable John A. Boehner
Speaker 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. 15–33, concerning the Department of the Air Force’s proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Republic of Korea for defense articles and services estimated to cost $2.5 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,

J. W. Reece
Vice Admiral, USN
Director

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

Transmittal No. 15–33
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: Republic of Korea (ROK)

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

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TOTAL $2.500 billion

CATM–9X–2 Captive Air Training Missiles, and 1 AIM–9X–2 Guidance Unit. Also included are containers, missile support and test equipment, provisioning, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor technical support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(vi) Military Department: Air Force (QEO, Amd #2)

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: FMS case QEO, Amd #1-$5M–11Mar14

(vi) Sales Commission, Etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology

Concerned in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: 14 JULY 2015

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Republic of Korea (ROK)—KF–16 Upgrade Program


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 KF–16 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. national interest to assist our Korean ally in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability. The KF–16 Upgrade Program ensures interoperability and continued relations between the ROK and the U.S. Government for the foreseeable future.

The KF–16 Air Force is modernizing its KF–16 fleet to better support its air defense needs. This upgrade allows the ROK to protect and maintain critical airspace and provide a powerful defensive and offensive capability to preserve the security of the Korean peninsula and its vital national assets. The KF–16 Upgrade Program will have no difficulty absorbing this additional equipment and support into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractors will be Lockheed Martin Corporation in Fort Worth, Texas and Northrop Grumman Corporation in Falls Church, Virginia. The purchaser requested offsets. At this time, agreements are undetermined and will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale requires travel of approximately 2 U.S. Government personnel on a permanent basis (potentially until contract completion) for program technical support and management oversight. This program also requires contractor personnel to travel to the ROK to meet similar requirements. The exact number of personnel will be defined during the contract negotiation.

There is 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. This sale involves the release of sensitive technology to Korea. The ROK has operated the KF–16 aircraft since 1994. This upgrade provides an updated platform of that same basic capability.


3. Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radars represent the latest in fire control radar technology. AESA radars contain digital technology, including high processor and transmitter power, sensitive receiver electronics, and Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) technology, which creates high resolution radar ground maps. This radar also incorporates Non-Cooperative Target Recognition (NGCTR), which is a technology that utilizes measurements taken of an aircraft engine and compares those measurements with a database to aid in combat identification of that aircraft. Complete hardware is classified Secret; major components and subsystems are classified Secret; software is classified Secret; and technical data and documentation are classified up to Secret.

4. The AN/APX–125 Advanced Identification Friend or Foe (AIFF) is a dual Mode 4 and 5 capable system. It is Unclassified unless/until Mode IV and/or Mode V operational evaluator parameters are loaded into the equipment. Classified elements of the IFF system include software object code, operating characteristics, parameters, and technical data. Mode IV and Mode V anti-jam performance specifications/data, software source code, algorithms, and tempest plans or reports will not be
offered, released, discussed or
demonstrated.
5. The Modular Mission Computer
(MMC) is the central aircraft computer
of the F–16. It serves as the hub for all
aircraft subsystems and avionics data
dervice. The hardware and software are
classified Secret.
6. The LN–260 Embedded GPS–INS is
a sensor that combines GPS and inertial
sensor inputs to provide accurate
location information for navigation and
targeting. The EGI LN–260 is
Unclassified. The GPS cryptovariable
keys needed for highest GPS accuracy
are classified up to Secret.
7. The AN/ALR–69A Digital Radar
Warning Receiver (RWR) is the latest in
RWR technology, designed to detect
incoming radar signals, identify and
characterize those signals to a specific
threat, and alert the aircrew through the
RWR System display. The system
consists of external antennas mounted
on the fuselage and wingtips. The ALR–
69A is a self-contained, on a digitally-controlled,
16 channel broadband receiver that
scans within a specific frequency
spectrum and is capable of adjusting to
threat changes by modifications to the
software. In Country Reprogramming
RWR capability will not be provided as
part of this export. Hardware is
Unclassified. Software is Secret.
Technical data and documentation to be
provided is Secret.
8. The Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing
System (JHMCS) II is a modified HGU–
55/P helmet that incorporates a visor-
projected Heads-Up Display (HUD) to
cue weapons and aircraft sensors to air
and ground targets. This system projects
visual targeting and aircraft performance
information on the back of the helmet’s
visor, enabling the pilot to monitor this
information without interrupting his
field of view through the cockpit
canopy. This provides improvement for
close combat targeting and engagement.
Hardware is Unclassified.
9. The Joint Mission Planning System
(JMPS) is a multi-platform PC based
mission planning system. JMPS
hardware is Unclassified and the
software is classified up to Secret.
10. The GBU–31(v)1/31(v)3/38 are
2000lbs and 500lbs Joint Direct Attack
Munition (JDAM) weapons respectively,
with a guidance tail kit that converts
unguided free-fall bombs into accurate,
adverse weather “smart” munitions.
The GBU–31(v)1 utilizes a MK–84 bomb
body and the (v)3 utilizes a BLU–109
bomb body. With the addition of a new
tail section that contains an inertial
navigational system and a global
positioning system guidance control
unit, JDAM improves the accuracy of
unguided, general-purpose bombs in
any weather condition. JDAM can be
launched from very low to very high
altitudes in a dive, toss and loft, or in
straight and level flight with an on-axis
or off-axis delivery. The JDAM enables
multiple weapons to be directed against
single or multiple targets on a single
pass. The JDAM AUR (All Up Round)
and all of its components are
Unclassified, technical data for JDAM is
classified up to Secret.
11. The GBU–54/56 are 500lbs/
2000lbs dual mode laser and GPS
guided JDAMs respectively. The GBU–
54/56 contains a DSU–40 Laser Sensor
that uses both Global Position System Positioning
served inertial navigations and/or Laser
guidance to execute threat targets. The
Laser sensor enhances the standard
JDAM’s reactive target capability by
allowing rapid prosecution of fixed
targets with large initial target location
errors (TLE). The DSU–40 Laser sensor
also provides the additional capability
to engage mobile targets moving up to
70 mph. The DSU–40 Laser sensor is a
strap down (non-gimbaled) sensor that
attaches to the Mk-84 or Blu-117 bomb
body in the forward fuze well.
Information revealing target designation
tactics and associated aircraft
maneuvers, the probability of destroying
specific/peculiar targets, vulnerabilities
regarding countermeasures and the
electromagnetic environment is
classified Secret. Information revealing
the probability of destroying common/
unspecified targets, the number of
simultaneous lasers the laser seeker
head can discriminate, and data on the
radar/infra-red frequency is classified
Secret.
12. The GBU–39 Small Diameter
Bomb (SDB) is a 250lb class weapon
designed as a small autonomous,
conventional, air-to-ground, precision
glide weapon able to strike fixed and
stationary re-locatable targets from
standoff range. The SDB weapon system
consists of the GBU–39 weapon and the
BRU–61/A carriage system. The SDB
weapons are designed to attack and defeat a wide
range of moving or stationary land and
maritime threats with minimal collateral
damage. The SFW is currently the only
combat proven, clean battle weapon that
meets U.S. policy regarding cluster
munition safety standards. The CBU–
105 major components include the
SUU–66 Tactical Munitions Dispenser
(TMD), ten (10) BLU–108 sub-
munitions, each with four (4) “hockey puck” shaped sket infrared sensing
projectiles for a total of forty (40)
warheads. The munition is delivered in its All-Up-Round (AUR) configuration.
This configuration is Unclassified. No
access to the CBU–105 in other than its
AUR configuration is anticipated.
Although very difficult to open, access
to the sub-munitions, and technical data
are classified up to Secret.
13. The TGM–65G Maverick is the
inert/training version of an air-to-
ground missile. The hardware is
Unclassified, but has an overall
classification of Secret. The Secret
aspects of the Maverick system are
tactics, information revealing its
vulnerability to countermeasures, and
counter-countermeasures. Manuals and
technical documents that are necessary
for operational use and organizational
maintenance have portions that are
classified Confidential. Performance and
operating logic of the countermeasures
circuits are Secret.
14. The AGM–84 Harpoon missile is an
air-launched, anti-ship, 75nm range,
sea skimming, “fire and forget” missile
weapon. The carriage avionics
assembly provides the interface between the
individual stores and the aircraft for
targeting, GPS keys, alignment, fuze
settings, and weapon release sequence
information. The hardware is
Unclassified.
15. The Joint Programmable Fuze
(JPF) FMU–152 is a multi-delay, multi-
arm and proximity sensor compatible
with general purpose blast, frag and
hardened-target penetrator weapons.
The JPF settings are cockpit selectable in
flight when used with JDAM
weapons. The JPF hardware is
Unclassified.
seeker with a selectable attack profile. The Harpoon Block II upgrade incorporates software and hardware changes that will add an improved Anti-Surface Warfare (ASUW) capability against ships in the open ocean and in the littoral. Harpoon Block II hardware improvements include a new Guidance Control Unit (GCU) that uses GPS aided inertial navigation. This improves the missile’s overall navigation accuracy.

GPS accuracy also gives Harpoon Block II an inherent secondary role against land-based targets, making Block II useful in coastal target suppression roles. Harpoon Block II software improvements includes changes to the launching system that provides the operator with the ability to superimpose a geographic coastline on the mission planning screen. This allows the user to shape the search pattern of the Harpoon seeker in ASUW mode, enhancing its performance in littoral areas. The information on the Harpoon is classified Secret.

19. The AIM–9X–2 Sidewinder missile is a 5th generation air-to-air guided missile that employs a passive infrared (IR) target acquisition system that features digital technology and micro-miniature solid-state electronics. The AIM–9X–2 AUR is Confidential, major components and subsystems range from Unclassified to Confidential, and technical data and other documentation are classified up to Secret.

20. If a technologically advanced adversary obtained knowledge of the specific hardware or software in the proposed sale, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapons system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

21. 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. Moreover, the benefits to be derived from this sale, as outlined in the Policy Justification, outweigh the potential damage that could result if the sensitive technology were revealed to unauthorized persons.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary
[Docket ID: DoD–2014–HA–0162]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by August 20, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Licari, 571–372–0493.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title. Associated Form and OMB Number: Surveys on Viability of TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra; OMB Control Number 0720–0031.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.
Number of Respondents: 50000.
Responses Per Respondent: 1.
Annual Responses: 50000.
Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.
Annual Burden Hours: 4167.

Needs and Uses: The survey will gather data on providers (physicians and mental health providers) to assess the extent to which they are aware of the overall TRICARE program, accept new TRICARE Standard patients specifically, and the extent to which these physicians accept Medicare patients. The information gathered through this project will be used to generate reports to address the legislative requirements specified in section 711 of the FY08 NDAA and section 721 of the FY 2012 NDAA.

Information resulting from the collection efforts of this project will assist DoD in developing policies and initiatives to improve TRICARE beneficiaries’ access to civilian providers. The results of the previous survey efforts have been briefed to, or provided in written communication to the Defense Health Agency and senior DoD personnel, TRICARE Regional Office Directors and their staff, members of Congress, selected state leaders and selected medical societies, staff members of the Government Accountability Office, TRICARE Beneficiary Groups, at the Military Health Service (MHS) Conferences. The results have also been referenced in public media such as the Military Officers Association of America. None of these audiences have ever been provided information that would permit them to identify individual providers, but instead were briefed using aggregate measures of provider knowledge or behavior within specific analysis groups such as health care markets or provider areas of specialization.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be emailed to Ms. Jasmeet Seehra at the Office of Management and Budget, DoD Desk Officer, at Oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please identify the proposed information collection by DoD Desk Officer and the Docket ID number and title of the information collection.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

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DoD Clearance Officer: Mr. Frederick Licari.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Licari at WHS/ESD

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Federal Perkins Loan Program Master Promissory Note

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