POLICY JUSTIFICATION

(U) Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)—Ammunition for the Royal Saudi Land Forces (RSLF)

(U) The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible sale of (1,000,000) 430/M430A1 40mm High Explosive Dual Purpose (HEDP) Cartridges, (60,000) M456A1 105mm High Explosive Anti-Tank Tracer (HEAT–T) Cartridges, and (60,000) M107 155mm High Explosive (HE) Projectiles. Additional items included are M62 7.62mm 4 Ball/1 Tracer Linked Cartridges, .50 Cal Linked Cartridges (4 Armor Piercing Incendiary (API)/1 Armor Piercing Incendiary Tracer (API–T)), M792 25mm High Explosive Incendiary Tracer (HEI–T) Cartridges, M789 30mm High Explosive Dual Purpose (HEDP) Cartridges, M889A2 81mm High Explosive (HE) Cartridges with M783 Fuzes, 2.75 Inch Rockets with M151 High Explosive (HE) Warhead and Point-Detonating (PD) Fuzes, 105mm High Explosive (HE) M1 Cartridges without Fuzes, M557 Point-Detonating (PD) Fuzes, M4A2 155mm Propellant Charges, M3A1 155mm Propellant Charges, M82 Percussion Primers, M1A2 Bangalore Torpedoes, M18A/M18A1 Claymore Mines, M67 Fragmentation Hand Grenades, and Guided Precision Aerial Delivery System (GPADS). Also included are spare and repair parts, lot validation, publications and technical documentation, personnel training/technical support. The number and duration will be determined during contract negotiations.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 15–30]

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:

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 15–30 with attached Policy Justification.

Dated: August 11, 2015.

Aaron Siegel,
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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. 15–30, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Bahrain for defense articles and services estimated to cost $150 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

J. W. Rixey
Vice Admiral, USN
Director

Enclosures:
1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification
3. Regional Balance (Classified Document Provided Under Separate Cover)

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: a proposed sale for follow on support for Bahrain's existing F–16 fleet. Support will include support equipment, communications equipment, ammunition, personal training and training equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, Electronic Combat International Security Assistance Program, U.S. Government and contractor technical, logistics, and engineering support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (QAT, Amendment 18)

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any:
FMS case QAT–$153M–11Feb00
FMS case SGA–$301M–21Apr87
FMS case SGG–$193M–20Feb98

(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: None
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary
Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce a Federal advisory committee meeting of the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council. This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: Thursday, September 17, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Pentagon Conference Center B6 (escorts will be provided from the Pentagon Metro entrance).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Melody McDonald or Ms. Yuko Whitestone, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Community & Family Policy), 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22350–2300, Room 3G15. Telephones (571) 372–0880; (571) 372–0881 and/or email: OSD Pentagon OUSD P–R Mailbox Family Readiness Council: osd.pentagon.osud.p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appedix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150. This notice is being published to announce an open meeting of the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board (SAB). This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: Wednesday, September 9, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 4:55 p.m. and Thursday, September 10, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 4:55 p.m.

ADDRESSES: 901 N. Stuart Street, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Anne Andrews, SERDP Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 17D08, Alexandria, VA 22350–3605; or by telephone at (571) 372–6565.

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. This notice is published in accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory

The Government of Bahrain has requested a possible sale of follow on support for Bahrain’s existing F–16 fleet. Support will include support equipment, communications equipment, ammunition, personal training and training equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, Electronic Combat International Security Assistance Program, U.S. Government and contractor technical, logistics, and engineering support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is $150 million.

The proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping improve the security of a Major Non-NATO Ally, which has been and continues to be a key security partner in the region.

The follow-on support is required to maintain the operational readiness of the Royal Bahrain Air Force’s (RBAF) F–16 fleet. The RBAF’s F–16s are aging and periodic maintenance is becoming increasingly expensive. The age of the fleet, combined with an increased operational tempo due to recent involvement in Operation Inherent Resolve has led to increased focus on maintenance and sustainment. Bahrain will have no difficulty absorbing this additional support into its armed forces.

The principal contractor is unknown at this time. Contracts will be awarded when source of supply determines that defense articles and services are not available from stock or considered lead-time away. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. or contractor representatives in Bahrain.

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