

Transmittal No. 16–65

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*: Government of Finland

(ii) *Total Estimated Value*:

Major Defense Equipment * ..	\$57 million
Other .....	\$99 million
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$156 million</b>

(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase*:

*Major Defense Equipment (MDE)*:

Ninety (90) Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio System (MIDS–JTRS) Variant(s) *Non-MDE includes*:

Follow-on equipment and support for Finland's F/A–18 Mid-Life Upgrade (MLU) program includes software test and integration center upgrades, flight testing, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, transportation, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support.

(iv) *Military Department*: Navy

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any*:

FMS case FI–P–SAA \$2.4 billion—9 Jun 1992

FMS case FI–P–SAB \$675 million—7 Feb 1994

FMS case FI–P–GAD \$25 million—13 Jul 2001

FMS case FI–P–LBB \$63 million—4 Aug 2001

FMS case FI–P–LBC \$127 million—1 Jan 2004

FMS case FI–P–LBD \$252 million—25 Jul 2007

FMS case FI–P–LBH \$307 million—3 Apr 2009

FMS case FI–P–GAU \$170 million—27 Jun 2013

(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*: December 2, 2016

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

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

*Government of Finland—F–18 Mid-Life Upgrade Program*

The Government of Finland has requested a possible sale of follow-on equipment and support for Finland's F/A–18 Mid-Life Upgrade (MLU) program,

consisting of: Ninety (90) Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio System (MIDS–JTRS) variant(s). The proposed program support also includes software test and integration center upgrades, flight testing, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, transportation, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. Total estimated program cost is \$156 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United State 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 Europe.

The Finnish Air Force (FAF) intend to purchase this MLU program equipment and services to extend the useful life of its F/A–18 fighter aircraft and enhance their survivability and communications connectivity. The FDF needs this upgrade to keep pace with technology advances in sensors, weaponry, and communications. Finland has extensive experience operating the F/A–18 aircraft and will have no difficulty incorporating the upgraded capabilities into its 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 in Waltham, Massachusetts; Lockheed Martin in Bethesda, Maryland; The Boeing Company in St. Louis, Missouri; BAE North America in Arlington, Virginia; General Electric in Fairfield, Connecticut; General Dynamics in West Falls Church, Virginia; Northrop Grumman in Falls Church, Virginia; Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; ViaSat in Carlsbad, California; and Data Link Solutions in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple trips to Finland involving U.S. Government and contractor representatives for technical reviews, support, and training.

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

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Annex

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(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology*:

1. The Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio System (MIDS–JTRS) is not classified but is considered a COMSEC Controlled Item (CCI). There are no training devices, associated documentation, or services to be provided with the sale of these MIDS–JTRS units. No sensitive information is provided or associated with this sale.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID DOD–2014–OS–0077]

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY**: Defense Security Service, DoD.

**ACTION**: Notice.

**SUMMARY**: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Security Service (DSS) announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 by February 13, 2017.

**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.

• Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

**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 Defense Security Service, ATTN: Mr. Corey Beckett, Chief Financial Officer, 27130 Telegraph Road, Quantico, VA 22134.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* National Industrial Security Program Cost Collection Survey; DSS Form 232; OMB Control Number 0704-0458.

**Needs and Uses:** The information collection requirement is necessary as a result of Executive Order 12829, “National Industrial Security Program,” which requires the Department of Defense to account each year for the costs associated with implementation of the National Industrial Security Program and report those costs to the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO).

**Affected Public:** Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 507.

**Number of Respondents:** 1,014.

**Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Annual Responses:** 1,014.

**Average Burden per Response:** 30 minutes.

**Frequency:** Annually.

Collection of this data is required to comply with the reporting requirements of Executive Order 12829, “National Industrial Security Program.” This collection of information requests the assistance of the Facility Security Officer to provide estimates of annual security labor cost in burdened, current year dollars and the estimated percentage of security labor dollars to the total security costs for the facility. Security labor is defined as personnel whose positions exist to support operations and staff in the implementation of government security requirements for the protection of classified information. Guards who are required as supplemental controls are included in security labor. This data will be incorporated into a report produced to ISOO for the estimated cost of securing classified information within industry. The survey will be

distributed electronically via a Web-based commercial survey tool.

Dated: December 9, 2016.

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

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

**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:** Pam Young, DSCA/SE&E-RAN, (703) 697-9107.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 16-54 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: December 9, 2016.

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