

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:* KU–D–YAB (A2), 15 Jun 2015 (\$7.6M)

(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 20, 2016

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

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

##### *Kuwait—Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) Tail Kits*

The Government of Kuwait has requested a possible total sale of seven hundred and fifty (750) JDAM Tail Kits (two hundred and fifty (250) for 500-pound bombs, two hundred and fifty (250) kits for 1,000-pound bombs, and two hundred and fifty (250) kits for 2,000-pound bombs). Sale also includes two (2) 500-pounds and two (2) 2,000-pounds JDAM Load Build Trainers spares, support equipment, repair and return, and other associated logistical support. The estimated cost is \$37 million.

This proposed sale contributes to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the security of a Major Non-NATO Ally which continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East. Kuwait plays a large role in U.S. efforts to advance stability in the Middle East, providing basing, access, and transit for U.S. forces in the region.

This proposed sale improves Kuwait's capability to deter regional threats and strengthens its homeland defense. Kuwait will be able to absorb this additional equipment and support into its armed forces.

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

The proposed sale does not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Kuwait.

The sole-source contractor is the original equipment manufacturer, Boeing, Chicago, Illinois. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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

#### Transmittal No. 16–40

##### **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. Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) is a guidance tail kit that converts unguided free-fall bombs into accurate, adverse weather “smart” munitions. 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. JDAM enables multiple weapons to be directed against single or multiple targets on a single pass. The JDAM All Up Round and all of its components are UNCLASSIFIED; technical data for JDAM is classified up to SECRET.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary obtains knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

3. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification. 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.

4. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of Kuwait.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

##### Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 17–02]

##### **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:** Pamela Young, (703) 697–9107 or Kathy Valadez, (703) 697–9217; DSCA/SA&E–RAN.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 17–02 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: March 17, 2017.

**Aaron Siegel,**

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

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY  
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MAR 18 2017

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan  
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. 17-02, concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the United Kingdom 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. Sensitivity of Technology



**Transmittal No. 17-02**

**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:* United Kingdom

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment \* ..... \$135.0 million

Other ..... \$ 15.0 million

Total ..... \$150.0 million

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

*Major Defense Equipment (MDE):* One thousand (1,000) AGM-114-R1/R2

Hellfire II Semi-Active Laser (SAL) Missiles

*Non-MDE:* Logistics support services and other related program support

(iv) *Military Department:* Air Force (YAI)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:* UK-D-YAC—\$22M—May 2008; UK-D-YAF—\$21M—Mar 2011; UK-D-YAY—\$134M—Aug 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 Attached Annex

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to*

*Congress:* March 16, 2017

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

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

##### United Kingdom—Hellfire Missiles

The Government of the United Kingdom (UK) requested a possible sale of 1,000 AGM-114-R1/R2 Hellfire II Semi-Active Laser (SAL) Missiles with logistics support services and other related program support. The estimated cost is \$150 million.

This proposed sale directly contributes to the foreign policy and national security policies of the United States by enhancing the close air support capability of the UK in support of NATO and other coalition operations. Commonality between close air support capabilities greatly increases interoperability between our two countries' military and peacekeeping forces and allows for greater burden sharing.

The proposed sale improves the UK's capability to meet current and future threats by providing close air support to counter enemy attacks on coalition ground forces in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility (AOR) and other areas, as needed. The UK already has Hellfire missiles in its inventory and will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.

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

There is no principal contractor for this sale as the missiles are coming from U.S. stock.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the UK.

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

#### Transmittal No. 17-02

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##### Annex Item No. vii

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. AGM-114-R1/R2 Hellfire. The AGM-114-R1/R2 Hellfire II Semi-Active Laser (SAL) Missiles are rail-launched guided missiles developed and produced by Lockheed Martin. The guidance system employs a SAL seeker.

The SAL missile homes in on the laser energy reflected off a target that has been illuminated by a laser designator. The laser can be on either the launch platform or another platform that can be separated from it by several kilometers. The target sets are armor, bunkers, caves, enclosures, boats, and enemy personnel. The weapon system hardware, as an "All Up Round," is UNCLASSIFIED. The highest level of classified information to be disclosed regarding the AGM-114-R1/R2 Hellfire II missile software is SECRET. The highest level of classified information that could be disclosed by a proposed sale or by testing of the end item is SECRET and the highest level that must be disclosed for production, maintenance, or training is CONFIDENTIAL.

The AGM-114 R1/R2 Hellfire II missiles use pulse-coded laser illumination. The R2 variant includes a Height-of-Burst (HOB)/proximity sensor. The AGM-114-R1/R2 missiles each have a multi-purpose selectable warhead and inertial measurement unit (IMU)-Aided Trajectories. The missiles United Kingdom operators employ are only handled by USAF personnel. The United Kingdom does not take possession of, or store the missile, and this policy has been in place since 2008.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary obtained knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems which might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

3. A determination has been made that the United Kingdom can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the AGM-114-R1/R2 Hellfire II missiles as the U.S. Government. Transfer of these missiles to the UK is necessary in the furtherance of U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives.

4. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the United Kingdom.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

##### Office of the Secretary

##### U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Strategic Command

Strategic Advisory Group, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group will take place.

**DATES:** Day 1—Closed to the public Tuesday, April 18, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Day 2—Closed to the public Wednesday, April 19, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Dougherty Conference Center, Building 432, 906 SAC Boulevard, Offutt AFB, Nebraska 68113.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John Trefz, Jr., Designated Federal Officer, (402) 294-4102 (Voice), (402) 294-3128 (Facsimile), [john.l.trefz.civ@mail.mil](mailto:john.l.trefz.civ@mail.mil) (Email). Mailing address is 901 SAC Boulevard, Suite 1 F7, Offutt AFB, NE 68113-6030.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) 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 102-3.140. This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix), the Government in Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), and 41 CFR 102-3.150.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* The purpose of the meeting is to provide advice on scientific, technical, intelligence, and policy-related issues to the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, during the development of the Nation's strategic war plans.

*Agenda:* Topics include: Policy Issues, Space Operations, Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Assessment, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Intelligence Operations, Cyber Operations, Global Strike, Command and Control, Science and Technology, Missile Defense.

*Meeting Accessibility:* Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the Department of Defense has determined that the meeting shall be closed to the public. Per delegated authority by the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, General John E. Hyten, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, in consultation with his legal advisor, has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of this meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).