

Transmittal No. 17–31

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 Australia

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment *	\$49 million
Other	\$ 1 million
Total	\$50 million

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Six thousand thirty (6,030) rounds of M865 120mm Target Practice Cone Stabilized Discarding Sabot–Tracer (TPCSDS–T) Tank Projectiles

Eight thousand six hundred ten (8,610) rounds of M1002 120mm Target Practice Multipurpose Tracer (TPMP–T) Tank Projectiles

Non-MDE includes: Also included are U.S. Government technical assistance, technical data, and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Army (XX–B–UJL)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:* AT–B–UGR

(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

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:* July 10, 2017

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Australia—120MM Tank Ammunition and Related Support Services

The Government of Australia has requested the possible sale of six thousand thirty (6,030) rounds of M865 120mm Target Practice Cone Stabilized Discarding Sabot–Tracer (TPCSDS–T) Tank Projectiles and eight thousand six hundred ten (8,610) rounds of M1002 120mm Target Practice Multipurpose Tracer (TPMP–T) Tank Projectiles. Also included are U.S. Government technical services, technical data, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The total estimated program cost is \$50 million.

This sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a major contributor to political stability, security, and economic development in the Western Pacific. Australia is an important Major non-NATO Ally and partner that contributes significantly to peacekeeping and humanitarian operations around the world. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist our ally in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

The proposed sale of 120mm tank ammunition will improve Australia's capability to meet out-year operational readiness and training requirements. Australia will use this ammunition to help sustain necessary training levels for its tank operators. Australia will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

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

This requirement will be provided from U.S. Army inventory. 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 to Australia.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 17–23]

Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Arms sales notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 36(b)(1) arms sales notification is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104–164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 17–23 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: August 2, 2017.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

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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. 17-23, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the United Kingdom for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$1.035 billion. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. W. Rixey".

J. W. Rixey
Vice Admiral, USN
Director

Enclosures:

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



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Transmittal No. 17-23

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(i) *Prospective Purchaser:* United Kingdom

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment* ..	\$887 million
Other	\$148 million
Total	\$1.035 billion

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): Two thousand seven hundred forty-seven (2,747) Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTV)

Non-MDE: Also included with this request are baseline integration kits, basic issue item kits, B-kit armor, engine arctic kits, fording kits, run-flat kits, spare tire kits, silent watch kits, power expansion kits cargo cover kits, maintainer and operator training, U.S. government technical assistance and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Army

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:* None

(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:* July 10, 2017

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POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Kingdom—Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTV) and Accessories

The Government of the United Kingdom (UK) has requested a possible sale of up to two thousand seven hundred forty-seven (2,747) Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTV). This possible sale also includes baseline integration kits, basic issue item kits, B-kit armor, engine arctic kits, fording kits, run-flat kits, spare tire kits, silent watch kits, power expansion kits cargo cover kits, maintainer and operator training, U.S. government technical assistance and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. Total estimated cost is \$1.035 billion.

This proposed sale supports the foreign policy and national security policies of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO ally

which has been, and continues to be, an important partner on critical foreign policy and defense issues.

The proposed sale will help improve the UK's Light Tactical Vehicle Fleet and enhance its ability to meet current and future threats. The UK will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor of this sale will be Oshkosh Defense, LLC, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The procured items will require minimum contractor support until the foreign customer can eventually transition to internal organic support. There is no known offset agreement associated with this proposed sale.

There will be 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 will involve the release of sensitive technology to the Government of the United Kingdom. The Joint Light Tactical Vehicle platform is classified as SECRET. The Joint Light Tactical Vehicle fleet will incorporate ballistic armor kits for protection from improvised explosive devices.

2. Sensitive and/or classified (up to SECRET) elements of the proposed Joint Light Tactical Vehicle include hardware and accessories, components and associated software: baseline integration kits, basic issue items, ballistic-kit armor, engine arctic kits, fording kits, run-flat kits, silent watch energy kits, power expansion kits and cargo covering kits.

3. A determination has been made that the United Kingdom can provide substantially the same degree of protection for this technology as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary in furtherance of U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Notice of Availability of The Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study—Brandon Road Draft Integrated Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement—Will County, Illinois

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has posted *The Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study—Brandon Road Draft Integrated Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement—Will County, Illinois* (GLMRIS-Brandon Road Report) on <http://glmr.is.anl.gov>. The GLMRIS—Brandon Road Report presents a plan to address the transfer of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) from the Mississippi River Basin to the Great Lakes Basin through an aquatic connection in the Chicago Area Waterway System. The purpose of this study is to evaluate structural and nonstructural options and technologies near the Brandon Road Lock and Dam to prevent the upstream transfer of ANS. USACE analyzed and evaluated available controls to address ANS of concern and formulated alternatives specifically for the Brandon Road site. USACE also evaluated the potential impacts of the alternatives and ways to minimize such impacts.

USACE conducted the GLMRIS-Brandon Road Study in consultation with other Federal agencies, Native American tribes, state agencies, local governments, non-governmental organizations, and industry.

DATES: There will be a 45-day public review period for comments on this document beginning Monday August 7, 2017, through Thursday September 21, 2017. Comments will be accepted through the GLMRIS project Web site at <http://glmr.is.anl.gov>, by letter and at public meetings. Public meeting dates and locations are to be determined. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on how to submit public comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or questions about GLMRIS-Brandon Road, please contact Andrew Leichty, Program Manager, by mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, Clock Tower Building (ATTN: Leichty), P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204-2004, by phone: 309-794-5399; or by email: Andrew.L.Leichty@usace.army.mil.