

demonstration project, please contact Mr. Richard Hart at (703) 681-0047.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the demonstration, the Department implemented a provider model that allows reimbursement for ABA services rendered by providers who are not otherwise eligible for reimbursement. Additionally, since the implementation of the demonstration, Congress directed the agency to add outcome measures as a requirement to the program. Through revisions and accommodations to obtain achievable information, these outcome measures are aimed at assessing individual progress for each beneficiary, and provide limited utility to describe the population, and the program, as a whole. To acquire additional research results that are essential to evaluating the nature and efficacy of ABA services, the appropriate characterization of ABA providers, and the optimum means to administer coverage of ABA services under TRICARE, the agency is working with the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP) to award a contract to a research group to analyze the TRICARE ACD participants' outcome measures, particularly assessing their responses to ABA service delivery as a total population. The CDMRP research study will be a descriptive analysis that has the potential to be the largest sample population of ABA services for the diagnosis of ASD in the entire body of research literature, therefore contributing significantly to the understanding of the efficacy of ABA service delivery. By extending the demonstration, the government will not only gain information about what TRICARE beneficiaries are receiving under the ACD and respective outcomes, the government will also gain greater insight and understanding of ASD in the TRICARE population, ABA services being delivered to TRICARE beneficiaries, and outcomes data.

Additionally, as a next phase to improve the ABA services benefit, the Department will consult with stakeholders and utilize best practices identified in commercial and Medicaid plans as a guide to explore the potential for a single, nationwide contract to manage ABA service delivery under the ongoing authority of the ACD. This reflects a beneficiary-centric approach with many advantages that will provide improved coordination of benefits nationwide leading to improved consistency, quality, and beneficiary experience.

A determination of the future of ABA under TRICARE and the efficacy of ABA services as a medical benefit would be

premature at this point for the reasons stated above. It is therefore necessary for the Department to extend the ACD beyond its December 31, 2018, expiration in order to implement this multi-track approach. This approach will advance the comprehensive evaluation of ABA services for TRICARE coverage for the duration of the CDMRP research study under a single benefit contract. This extension will also ensure continuity of care for beneficiaries currently receiving ABA services, and for those beneficiaries who will be diagnosed with ASD in the future, for the duration of these ongoing initiatives and a reasonable time thereafter for analysis and appropriate TRICARE program changes, to include seeking any additional authorities that may be required.

On June 16, 2014, the Department of Defense published a notice in the **Federal Register** (FR) (79 FR 34291), as amended by 80 FR 30664 (May 29, 2015), of a TRICARE demonstration to further analyze and evaluate the appropriateness of the ABA tiered delivery model under TRICARE. The initial purpose of the demonstration was to determine the appropriate provider qualifications for the proper diagnosis of ASD and for the provision of ABA services, assess the feasibility and advisability of establishing a beneficiary cost share for ABA services for the treatment of ASD, and develop more efficient and appropriate means of increasing access to and delivering of ABA services under TRICARE while creating a viable economic model and maintaining administrative simplicity. The ACD was implemented on July 25, 2014, and expires December 31, 2018.

ABA services are currently provided through the ACD and managed by the existing TRICARE regional managed care support contractors. This approach enabled TRICARE to quickly expand access to ABA services for over 14,000 children diagnosed with ASD and manage a comprehensive ABA benefit program. However, in efforts to manage ABA services similar to the TRICARE Basic medical benefit, many rules have been modified, or exceptions have been made, such as diagnosis and referral procedures, ABA provider qualifications and credentialing, safety and quality management reviews, and reimbursement rate methodology. Additionally, ABA services may involve a lengthy period of care and as families move or transfer across TRICARE regions, many experience inconsistencies in how the ABA services benefit is managed between TRICARE contracts. Based on lessons learned, DHA now seeks to improve

ABA services delivery with a more unified approach to reduce variation and ensure ABA services are directed to beneficiaries in a manner that maximizes clinically necessary benefits to each child with minimal disruptions.

The Department is committed to ensuring all TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries diagnosed with ASD reach their maximum potential, and that all treatment provided supports this goal. The need for effective treatment for the diagnosis of ASD is unquestioned, and while there is need for more scientific evidence, ABA remains the most widely accepted intervention. Therefore, the Department is pursuing a more effective method of delivering and validating the effectiveness of these services. The Department is exploring the potential for a single, nationwide contract, administered by a private sector health care company, with specialized experience and expertise in providing ABA services, will significantly improve the provision of ABA services to military beneficiaries diagnosed with ASD.

Consequently, the Department has determined that extension of the demonstration is both in the best interest of TRICARE beneficiaries diagnosed with ASD, and necessary to fully evaluate the effectiveness of the delivery model employed by the demonstration while putting in-place a nationwide contract. This extension will determine whether the ACD meets its stated purpose and provide the Department with consistent and reliable information necessary to make informed decisions regarding the provision of the ABA services benefit. This extension will allow the Department to make a formal decision regarding the use of that delivery model in the long-term. The demonstration continues to be authorized by Title 10, United States Code, Section 1092.

Dated: December 5, 2017.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 17-58]

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 an 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 17-58 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: December 5, 2017.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.



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

NOV 29 2017

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. 17-58, concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Singapore for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$381 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Hooper".

Charles W. Hooper
Lieutenant General, USA
Director

Enclosures:

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



Transmittal No. 17–58

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 Singapore

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment *	\$13 million
Other	\$402 million
Total	\$415 million

(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:* Follow-on support and services related to Singapore's Continental United States (CONUS) F–15 detachment PEACE CARVIN V.

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Forty (40) GBU–10 Paveway II Laser Guided Bomb (LGB) Units, consisting of: MXU–651B/B Air Foil Groups (AFG), MAU–209C/B or MAU–169L/B Computer Control Groups (CCG), MK–84 or BLU–117B/B Bomb Bodies

Eighty four (84) GBU–12 Paveway II LGB Units, consisting of: MXU–650C/B AFG, MAU–209C/B or MAU–168L/B CCGs, MK–82 or BLU–111B/B Bomb Bodies

Sixty (60) FMU–152 or FMU–139D/B Fuzes

Non-MDE: Also included are AIM–120 Telemetry Kits; target drones; High-Bandwidth Compact Telemetry Module kits; exercise participation support; weapons, Electronic Combat International Security Assistance Program (ECISAP), and systems support; medical support; vehicle and ferry support; airlift and aerial refueling; individual equipment; maintenance, spare and repair parts; publications and technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor, logistics, and technical support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Air Force (SN–D–NAG)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:* SN–D–NDA

(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:* November 29, 2017

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Singapore—Follow-On Support for PEACE CARVIN V (F–15 Training Detachment)

The Government of Singapore has requested to purchase forty (40) GBU–10 Paveway II Laser Guided Bomb (LGB) units, consisting of: MXU–651B/B Air Foil Groups (AFG), MAU–209C/B or MAU–169L/B Computer Control Groups (CCG), MK–84 or BLU–117B/B bomb bodies; eighty four (84) GBU–12 Paveway II LGB units, consisting of: MXU–650C/B AFG, MAU–209C/B or MAU–168L/B CCGs, MK–82 or BLU–111B/B bomb bodies; and sixty (60) FMU–152 or FMU–139D/B fuzes. Also included are AIM–120 Telemetry Kits; target drones; High-Bandwidth Compact Telemetry Module kits; exercise participation support; weapons, Electronic Combat International Security Assistance Program (ECISAP), and systems support; medical support; vehicle and ferry support; airlift and aerial refueling; individual equipment; maintenance, spare and repair parts; publications and technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor, logistics, and technical support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$415 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a critical regional partner that has been, and continues to be, an important force for economic progress in Southeast Asia.

This potential sale will continue to improve Singapore's ability to develop mission-ready and experienced pilots to support its F–15 aircraft inventory. The well-established pilot proficiency training program at Mountain Home Air Force Base will support professional interaction and enhance operational interoperability with U.S. Forces. Singapore will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment and support into its armed forces.

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

There is no prime contractor involved in this proposed sale. Manpower support will be determined through competition with defense articles anticipated to come from U.S. stocks, as needed. Sources of supply will award contracts when necessary to provide the defense articles if items are not available from U.S. stock or are considered long 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. Government or contractor representatives to Singapore.

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 potential sale will involve the release of sensitive technology to the Government of Singapore, including Paveway II (PWII) Laser Guided Bombs (LGB) GBU–10 and –12. The PWII LGBUs have an overall export classification of CONFIDENTIAL. The related subcomponents: MXU–209 C/B or MAU–169 L/B control and guidance kits, FMU–152 or FMU–139D/B fuzes, MK–82 or BLU–111 B/B bomb bodies, and MK–84 or BLU–117 B/B bomb bodies are UNCLASSIFIED.

2. The PWII LGB, is a maneuverable, free-fall weapon that guides to a spot of laser energy reflected off of the target. The LGB is delivered like a normal general purpose (GP) bomb and the semi-active guidance corrects for many of the normal errors inherent in any delivery system. Laser designation for the LGB can be provided by a variety of laser target markers or designators. An LGB consists of a Computer Control Group (CCG) that is not warhead specific and warhead specific Air Foil Group (AFG) that attaches to the nose and tail of a GP bomb body. The PWII can use either the FMU–152 or FMU–139D/B fuzes. Singapore currently has FMU–152 fuzes available and will be purchasing additional compatible fuzes to support new munitions requirements.

a. GBU–10 is a 2,000lb (MK–84 or BLU–117 B/B) GP bomb body fitted with the MXU–651 AFG, and MAU–209C/B or MAU–169 L/B CCG to guide to its laser designated target.

b. GBU–12 is a 500lb (MK–82 or BLU–111 B/B) GP bomb body fitted with the MXU–650 AFG, and MAU–209C/B or MAU–168L/B CCGs to guide to its laser designated target.

3. FMU–152 fuzes are a multifunction, multiple delay fuze system with hardened target capabilities that provide arming and fuzing functions for general purpose and penetrating, unitary warheads. The fuze can set or reset during munitions buildup, aircraft loading, ground

servicing, or during flight from the cockpit. The system includes the fuze, closure ring, FZU-63 initiator, and power cable. The hardware is UNCLASSIFIED.

4. AIM-120 Telemetry Kits Non-Development Item/Airborne Instrument Units (NDI/AIU) hardware are UNCLASSIFIED. The NDU/AIU includes a telemetry transmitter, a flight termination system, a C-band beacon and upper S-band capability to include antenna. The NDI/AIU will be used for Singapore's participation in Continental United States (CONUS) based exercises and shall not be released, transferred, or exported to Singapore. All data shall only be collected, transmitted or reviewed by qualified U.S. personnel.

5. The High-Bandwidth Compact Telemetry Modules (HCTM) and Telemetry Cable Kits hardware are UNCLASSIFIED. HCTM are used for Joint Direct Attack Munition integration, developmental, or operational testing; and will be used for Singapore's participation in Continental United States (CONUS) based exercises and shall not be released, transferred, or exported to Singapore. All data shall only be collected, transmitted or reviewed by qualified U.S. personnel.

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

7. A determination has been made that Singapore can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary to further the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

8. All defense articles and services listed on this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of Singapore.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL18-43-000]

Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order; Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Gulf Power Company, Mississippi Power Company

Take notice that on November 28, 2017, pursuant to Rule 207 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207, Southern Company Services, Inc., acting as agent for Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Gulf Power Company, and Mississippi Power Company (collectively, Southern Companies), filed a petition for declaratory order and request to hold proceedings in abeyance. The filing seeks clarification regarding whether Southern Companies' Open Access Transmission Tariff provides the flexibility to allow for a ratemaking adjustment so as to avoid a potential violation of normalization requirements, and the filing is made contingent upon, and requests that this proceeding be held in abeyance pending the receipt of, a Private Letter Ruling being sought from the Internal Revenue Service regarding the potential normalization violation.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in this proceeding must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Petitioners.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on December 28, 2017.

Dated: December 5, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC18-1-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-598); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-598 (Self-Certification for Entities Seeking Exempt Wholesale Generator Status or Foreign Utility Company Status).

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due February 9, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC18-1-000) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.