

Transmittal No. 17–51

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:* The Government of Norway

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment * ..	\$150 million
Other	\$ 20 million
Total	\$170 million

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Sixty (60) AIM–120 C–7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM)

Four (4) AMRAAM Guidance Section Spares

Non-MDE:

Missile containers, weapon system support, support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, personnel training, training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, logistics, technical and support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Air Force (X6–D–YAE)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:* NO–D–YME

(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 14, 2017

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Norway—AIM–120 C–7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM)

The Government of Norway requested a possible sale of sixty (60) AIM–120 C–7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM) and four (4) AMRAAM guidance section spares. Also included are missile containers, weapon system support, support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, personnel training, training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, logistics, technical and support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total case value is \$170 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security

objectives of the United States by improving the security of a NATO ally which continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Norway's capabilities for mutual defense, regional security, force modernization, and U.S. and NATO interoperability. This sale will enhance the Royal Norwegian Air Force's ability to defend Norway against future threats and contribute to current and future NATO operations. This is a follow-on buy of additional AIM–120 C–7 missiles. Norway will be able to absorb these additional missiles and support into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems, Tucson, AZ. 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 personnel or contractor representatives to Norway.

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. AIM–120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) is a radar guided missile featuring digital technology and micro-miniature solid-state electronics. AMRAAM capabilities include look-down/shoot-down, multiple launches against multiple targets, resistance to electronic counter measures, and interception of high flying, low flying and maneuvering targets. The AMRAAM is classified CONFIDENTIAL, major components and subsystems range from UNCLASSIFIED to CONFIDENTIAL, and technology data and other documentation are 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. A determination has been made that Norway 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 the furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the policy justification.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy; DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability for licensing.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are available for domestic and foreign licensing by the Department of the Navy.

The following patents are available for licensing://U.S. Patent No. 9,459,079: LIGHTWEIGHT ARMOR WITH SLIDE REGION FOR SLIDABLY REDIRECTING PROJECTILES//U.S. Patent No. 9,499,890: HIGH-STRENGTH, HIGH-TOUGHNESS STEEL ARTICLES FOR BALLISTIC AND CRYOGENIC APPLICATIONS AND METHOD OF MAKING THEREOF//U.S. Patent No. 9,524,358: CORE-MODULAR INTEROPERABILITY ARCHITECTURE FOR MODELING AND SIMULATION//U.S. Patent No. 9,557,414: ULTRA-BROADBAND COHERENT RADAR TRANSPONDER FOR PRECISION TRACKING//U.S. Patent No. 9,588,011: SHIP RESISTANCE PREDICTION USING A TURBULENT SPOT INDUCER IN MODEL TESTING//U.S. Patent No. 9,628,314: DIGITAL I/Q REPROCESSING DEMODULATOR (DIRD)//U.S. Patent No. 9,630,812: LOAD TRANSFER ACCESSORY FOR DIMINISHING UNWANTED MOTION OF CYLINDRICAL CARGO DURING LOADING OPERATIONS//U.S. Patent No. 9,651,374: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MEASURING PHYSICAL PHENOMENA IN AN OPEN WATER ENVIRONMENT//U.S. Patent No. 9,666,864: VERTICALLY ORIENTED GRAPHENE-SUPPORTED ANODE//U.S. Patent No. 9,667,349: DYNAMIC RANGE EXTENSION OF HETERODYNE FIBER-OPTIC INTERFEROMETERS VIA

INSTANTANEOUS CARRIER MEASUREMENT//

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patents cited should be directed to Office of Counsel, Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division, 9500 MacArthur Blvd., West Bethesda, MD 20817-5700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Joseph Teter, Director, Technology Transfer Office, Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division, Code 00T, 9500 MacArthur Blvd., West Bethesda, MD 20817-5700, telephone 301-227-4299.

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404.

Dated: December 7, 2017.

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Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity**

AGENCY: National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of membership.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the members of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI). This notice is required under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Room 6W250, Washington, DC 20202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Hong, Executive Director/ Designated Federal Official, NACIQI, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Room 6W250, Washington, DC 20202, telephone: (202) 453-7805, or email Jennifer.Hong@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**NACIQI's Statutory Authority and Functions**

NACIQI is established under Section 114 of the HEA, and is composed of 18 members appointed—

(A) On the basis of the individuals' experience, integrity, impartiality, and good judgment;

(B) From among individuals who are representatives of, or knowledgeable concerning, education and training beyond secondary education,

representing all sectors and types of institutions of higher education; and,

(C) On the basis of the individuals' technical qualifications, professional standing, and demonstrated knowledge in the fields of accreditation and administration of higher education.

NACIQI meets at least twice a year and advises the Secretary of Education with respect to:

- The establishment and enforcement of the standards of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2 of part G of Title IV of the HEA;
- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations;
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations;
- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV of the HEA and part C of subchapter I of chapter 34 of Title 42, together with recommendations for improvements in such process;
- The relationship between (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions; and
- Any other advisory functions relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary of Education may prescribe by regulation.

What are the terms of office for the committee members?

The term of office of each member is six years. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term.

Who are the current members of the committee?

The current members of the NACIQI are:

Members Appointed by the Secretary of Education With Terms Expiring September 30, 2019:

- Simon J. Boehme (Student Member), Independent Consultant, San Francisco, California.
- Roberta L. Derlin, Ph.D., Associate Provost Emeritus, New Mexico State University, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- John Etchemendy, Ph.D., Provost Emeritus, Stanford University, Stanford, California.
- Susan D. Phillips, Ph.D., Professor, University at Albany/SUNY and Leadership Fellow, SAIL Institute, Albany, New York.

- Frank H. Wu, J.D., Distinguished Professor, University of California Hastings College of Law, San Francisco, California.

- Federico Zaragoza, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Economic and Workforce Development, Alamo Colleges, San Antonio, Texas.

Members Appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives With Terms Expiring September 30, 2020:

- Kathleen Sullivan Alioto, Ed.D., Strategic Advisor, Fundraiser, and Consultant, New York, New York, San Francisco, California, and Boston, Massachusetts.
- George T. French, Jr., Ph.D., President, Miles College, Fairfield, Alabama.
- Brian W. Jones, J.D., President, Strayer University.
- Arthur E. Keiser, Ph.D., Chancellor, Keiser University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
- Arthur J. Rothkopf, J.D., President Emeritus, Lafayette College, Washington, DC.
- Ralph Wolff, J.D., President, The Quality Assurance Commons for Higher and Postsecondary Education, Oakland, California.

Members Appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate With Terms Expiring September 30, 2022:

- Jill Derby, Ph.D., Senior Consultant, Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, Gardnerville, Nevada.
- Paul J. LeBlanc, Ph.D., President, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, New Hampshire.
- Anne D. Neal, J.D., Senior Fellow, American Council of Trustees and Alumni, Washington, DC.
- Richard F. O'Donnell, Founder and CEO, Skills Fund, Austin, Texas.
- Claude O. Pressnell, Jr., Ed.D., President, Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association.
- Steven Van Ausdler, Ph.D., President Emeritus, Walla Walla Community College, Walla Walla, Washington.

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