

Transmittal No. 24–101

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 India

(ii) *Total Estimated Value*:

Major Defense Equipment * ..	\$100 million
Other	\$ 75 million

TOTAL	\$175 million
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Funding Source: National Funds

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Fifty-three (53) MK 54 MOD 0

Lightweight Torpedo all up rounds

Non-Major Defense Equipment:

The following non-MDE items will also be included: Recoverable Exercise Torpedoes (REXTORP); air launch accessories; classified and unclassified torpedo spare parts; torpedo containers; torpedo support equipment, including test equipment and tools; torpedo support services; classified and unclassified books and other publications; other technical assistance, including technical support, technical program management, infrastructure support, test equipment sustainment, exercise firing assistance, contract management, and initial follow-on-technical support (FOTS); in-country torpedo training; related equipment and services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) *Military Department*: Navy (IN–P–ABV)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any*: IN–P–AAR

(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*: October 7, 2024

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

India—MK 54 MOD 0 Lightweight Torpedoes

The Government of India has requested to buy fifty-three (53) MK 54 MOD 0 Lightweight Torpedo all up rounds. The following non-MDE items will also be included: Recoverable Exercise Torpedoes (REXTORP); air launch accessories; classified and unclassified torpedo spare parts;

torpedo containers; torpedo support equipment, including test equipment and tools; torpedo support services; classified and unclassified books and other publications; other technical assistance, including technical support, technical program management, infrastructure support, test equipment sustainment, exercise firing assistance, contract management, and initial follow-on-technical support (FOTS); in-country torpedo training; related equipment and services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$175 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States (U.S.) by helping to strengthen the U.S.-India strategic relationship and improving the security of a major defense partner which continues to be an important force for political stability, peace, and economic progress in the Indo-Pacific and South Asia regions.

The proposed sale will improve India's capability to meet current and future threats by increasing the size of its anti-submarine weapons stockpile for its MH–60R helicopters. The Indian Navy already possesses MK 54 MOD 0 Lightweight Torpedoes and 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.

A majority of the lightweight torpedo's hardware will be purchased directly from U.S. Navy stock. There is no known offset agreement proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale may require the temporary assignment of an estimated 12 U.S. Government and 1 contractor representative to India per year, on an interim basis, for training and technical assistance, after case implementation.

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. The MK 54 MOD 0 Lightweight Torpedo is a conventional torpedo that can be launched from surface ships and rotary and fixed wing aircraft. It is an upgrade from the MK 46 torpedo and has modernized sonar and guidance and control systems. The new guidance and

control system uses a mixture of commercial-off-the-shelf and custom-built electronics. The warhead, fuel tank, and propulsion system from the MK 46 torpedo are re-used in the MK 54 MOD 0 configuration with minor modifications.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware or 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.

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Accrediting Agencies Currently Undergoing Review for the Purpose of Recognition by the U.S. Secretary of Education

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education.

ACTION: Call for written third-party comments.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information to members of the public on submitting written comments for accrediting agencies currently undergoing review for the purpose of recognition by the Secretary of Education.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before 30 days from publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth Daggett, Director, Accreditation Group, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, fifth floor, Washington, DC 20202, telephone: (202) 453–7615, or email: elizabeth.daggett@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This request for written third-party

comments concerning the performance of accrediting agencies under review by the Secretary of Education is required by Section 496(n)(1)(A) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1001, *et seq.* (HEA), and pertains to the first meeting in 2027 of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI). The meeting date will be announced in a later **Federal Register** notice and will describe how to register to provide oral comments at the meeting. Written comments submitted in response to this **Federal Register** notice must be submitted to the electronic mail address identified below on or before the comment due date.

Agencies Under Review and Evaluation: The Department requests written comments from the public on the following accrediting agencies, which are currently undergoing review and evaluation by the Accreditation Group, and which will be reviewed at the first 2027 NACIQI meeting.

The agencies are listed by the type of application each agency has submitted. Please note, each agency's current scope of recognition is indicated below. If any agency requested to expand its scope of recognition, both the current scope of recognition and the requested scope of recognition are identified below.

Applications for Renewal of Recognition

1. American Podiatric Medical Association, Council on Podiatric Medical Education. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation of freestanding colleges of podiatric medicine and programs of podiatric medicine, including first professional programs leading to the degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine and education offered via distance education. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

2. Commission on English Language Program Accreditation. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of postsecondary, non-degree-granting English language programs and institutions including those programs offered via distance education. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

3. Council on Chiropractic Education, Commission on Accreditation. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of programs leading to the Doctor of Chiropractic degree, including those programs offered via distance education. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

4. Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of educational programs in radiography, magnetic resonance, radiation therapy, and medical dosimetry, including those offered via distance education, at the certificate, associate, and baccalaureate levels. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

Compliance Reports

1. Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of institutions of higher education that offer continuing education and vocational programs that confer certificates or occupational associate degrees, including those programs offered via distance education. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

2. American Veterinary Medical Association, Council on Education. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Provisional Accreditation") of programs leading to professional degrees (D.V.M. or V.M.D.) in veterinary medicine, including those offered via distance education. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

3. National Association of Schools of Dance, Commission on Accreditation. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of freestanding institutions that offer dance and dance-related programs (both degree and non-degree-granting), including those offered via distance education. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

4. National Association of Schools of Music, Commission on Accreditation. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of freestanding institutions that offer music and music-related programs (both degree and non-degree-granting) including those offered via distance. This recognition also extends to the Commission on Community College Accreditation. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

5. National Association of Schools of Theatre, Commission on Accreditation. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of freestanding institutions that offer theatre and theatre-related programs (both degree and non-degree-granting), including those offered via distance education. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

Submission of Written Comments Regarding a Specific Accrediting Agency or State Agency Under Review

Written comments in response to this **Federal Register** notice about the recognition of any of the accrediting agencies listed above must be received on or before the comment due date, in the *ThirdPartyComments@ed.gov* mailbox. Please include in the subject line "Written Comments: (agency name)." The electronic mail (email) must include the name(s), title, organization/affiliation, mailing address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the comment. Comments should be submitted as a PDF, Microsoft Word document, or in a medium compatible with Microsoft Word that is attached to an email or provided in the body of an email message. Comments about an agency that has submitted a compliance report scheduled for review by the Department must relate to the criteria for recognition cited in the senior Department official's letter that requested the report, or in the Secretary's appeal decision, if any. Comments about an agency that has submitted a petition for initial recognition, renewal of recognition, or an expansion of scope must relate to the agency's compliance with the Criteria for the recognition of Accrediting Agencies, which are available at: <https://www2.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>.

Only written materials submitted by the deadline to the email address listed in this notice, and in accordance with these instructions, become part of the official record concerning agencies scheduled for review and are considered by the Department and NACIQI in their deliberations. Comments about the agencies listed in this **Federal Register** notice may also be provided orally at the first 2027 NACIQI meeting, which has not yet been scheduled, but which will be announced in a future **Federal Register** notice.

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Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1099b; 20 U.S.C. 1011c.

David Barker,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2025–SCC–0515]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Guaranty Agency Financial Report

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 22, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check the “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. Reginfo.gov provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the “View Information Collection (IC) List” link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carolyn Rose, (202) 453–5967.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the

following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Guaranty Agency Financial Report.

OMB Control Number: 1845–0026.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector; State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 143.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 7,865.

Abstract: The Department of Education (ED) is requesting renewal by extension of the information collection 1845–0026 for the Guaranty Agency Financial Report. There has been no change to the underlying statute or regulations.

The Guaranty Agency Financial Report is used by a guaranty agency to request payments of reinsurance for defaulted student loans; make payments for amounts due to ED, for collections on default and lender of last resort loan (default) claims on which reinsurance has been paid and for refunding amounts previously paid for reinsurance claims. The form is also used to determine required reserve levels for agencies; and to collect debt information as required for the “Report on Accounts and Loans Receivable Due from the Public,” SF 220–9 (Schedule 9 Report) as required by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2025–SCC–0516]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Lender’s Request for Payment of Interest and Special Allowance—LaRS

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 22, 2025.

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