

Transmittal No. 03-12**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. The AGM-65G Maverick air-to-ground missile has an overall classification of Secret. The Secret aspects of the Maverick system are tactics, information revealing its vulnerability to countermeasures, and counter-countermeasures.**
- 2. Manuals and technical documents which are necessary for operational use and organizational maintenance have portions that are classified Confidential. Performance and operating logic of the countermeasures circuits are Secret.**
- 3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which 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 Singapore 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.**

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 03-16]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

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 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/COMPT/RM, & (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 03-16 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: May 12, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,
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Officer, Department of Defense.*

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

12 MAY 2003

In reply refer to:

I-03/003305

**The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of
Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501**

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 03-16, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Canada for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$80 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard J. Millies", is positioned above the printed name and title.

**Richard J. Millies
Deputy Director**

Attachments

**Same ltr to: House Committee on International Relations
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
House Committee on Armed Services
Senate Committee on Armed Services
House Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Appropriations**

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of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended**

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** Canada
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
 - Major Defense Equipment* \$55 million
 - Other \$25 million
 - TOTAL \$80 million
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 97 AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), 9 AIM-120C AMRAAM Air Vehicle Instrumented, 66 AMRAAM Captive Air Training Missiles, flight test instrumentation, software updates to support AMRAAM operational and training devices, missile containers, aircraft modification and integration, spare and repair parts, support/test equipment, publications, technical documentation, maintenance and pilot training, contractor support, other related elements of logistical and program support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (YAE)
- (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 Annex attached
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 12 MAY 2003

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Canada - AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles

The Government of Canada has requested a possible sale of 97 AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), 9 AIM-120C AMRAAM Air Vehicle Instrumented, 66 AMRAAM Captive Air Training Missiles, flight test instrumentation, software updates to support AMRAAM operational and training devices, missile containers, aircraft modification and integration, spare and repair parts, support/test equipment, publications, technical documentation, maintenance and pilot training, contractor support, other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$80 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Canada and further weapon system standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces.

Canada needs these missiles to enhance the air-to-air self-defense capability of its F-18 aircraft and provide for increased interoperability with U.S. forces. Canada will have no difficulty absorbing these missiles into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems of Tucson, Arizona. There are no 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 Canada.

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

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1. The AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) is a supersonic, air launched, aerial intercept, guided missile featuring digital technology and micro-miniature solid-state electronics. The missile employs active radar target tracking, proportional navigation guidance, and active Radio Frequency target detection. It can be launched day or night, in any weather and increases pilot survivability by allowing the pilot to disengage after missile launch and engage other targets. AMRAAM capabilities include lookdown/shootdown, multiple launches against multiple targets, resistance to Electronic Countermeasures, and interception of high- and low-flying and maneuvering targets. Information on the AIM-120 missile ranges from Unclassified to Secret.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which 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 Canada can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Notice of Intent to Prepare a
Programmatic Environmental Impact
Statement for Defense Threat
Reduction Agency Activities at White
Sands Missile Range, NM**

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321-4370, as implemented by the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) announces intent to prepare a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) in support of activities at White Sands Missile Range (WSMR),

New Mexico. As a major cooperating agency, WSMR will participate in the preparation of the PEIS. Future development of DTRA's testing facilities and program, and its scope require an PEIS to adequately address potential environmental impacts.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be forwarded to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, ATTN: DTRA/TDTS, 1680 Texas St., SE., Kirtland AFB, NM 87117-5669. Emails may be forwarded to Thomas.Vanalstyne@ao.dtra.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LTC Thomas Van Alstyne, EN, Environmental Engineer, DTRA at (505) 846-6612 or email Thomas.Vanalstyne@Qao.dtra.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: White Sands Missile Range covers approximately 8,288 km² (3,200 mi²) of south-central New Mexico. Proposed DTRA activities at WSMR have the potential to significantly impact certain natural, social, cultural, and economic resources in the region. The study area for environmental analyses will include the Hard Target Defeat Test bed (HTDT), Permanent High Explosive Test Site

(PHETS), Seismic Hardrock In Situ Test site (SHIST), Alternate SHIST, and Large Blast/Thermal Simulator (LBTS). The objective will be to provide a thorough, comprehensive and PEIS that will serve as a planning and decision-making tool, a public information source, and a reference for mitigation tracking concerning DTRA future activities.

Alternatives may consist of alternative locations or modifications of specific activities. These alternatives will be developed during preparation of the Draft PEIS as a result of environmental analyses of the activities and public input.

Significant Issues: Certain biologically diverse areas on White Sands Missile Range utilized by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency serve as habitat or potential habitat for protected floral and faunal (plant and animal) species. To date, several locations in the areas to be studied have been identified as important cultural resources. The most significant are Ground Zero and McDonald Ranch House, part of Trinity Site National Historic Landmark,