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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 232, Contract Financing, and the Clause at DFARS 252.232-7002, Progress Payments for Foreign Military Sales Acquisition; OMB Number 0704-0321.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 430.

Responses Per Respondent: 12.

Annual Responses: 5,160.

Average Burden Per Response: 1.5 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 7,740 (2,580 response hours and 5,160 recordkeeping hours).

Needs and Uses: Section 22 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2762) requires the U.S. Government to

use foreign funds, rather than U.S. appropriated funds, to purchase military equipment for foreign governments. To comply with this requirement, the government needs to know how much to charge each country. The clause at 252.232-7002, Progress Payments for Foreign Military Sales Acquisitions, requires each contractor whose contract includes foreign military sales (FMS) requirements to submit a separate progress payment request for each progress payment rate, and to submit a supporting schedule that clearly distinguishes the contract's FMS requirements from U.S. requirements. The Government uses this information to determine how much of each country's funds to disburse to the contractor.

Affected Public: Business or Other For-Profit; Not-For-Profit Institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondents Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Lewis W. Oleinick.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Oleinick at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD (Acquisition), Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR,

1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of Secretary

[Transmittal No. 00-22]

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 00-22 with attached transmittal and policy justification.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

2 MAR 2000

In reply refer to:

I-00/002053

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, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 00-22, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$96 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MS Davison", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

MICHAEL S. DAVISON, JR.
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USA
DIRECTOR

Attachments

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

Transmittal No. 00-22

**Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act**

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States pursuant to P. L. 96-8
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
 - Major Defense Equipment* \$ 56 million
 - Other \$ 40 million
 - TOTAL \$ 96 million
- (iii) **Description of Articles or Services Offered:** A conversion of TPS-43F air surveillance radar to TPS-75V configuration, support equipment, spare and repair parts, modification kits, publications, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, personnel training and equipment and other related elements of logistic support
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (NHO)
- (v) **Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:** none
- (vi) **Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:** none
- (vii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 2 MAR 2000

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States - Conversion of TPS-43F Air Surveillance Radar

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) in the United States has requested a possible sale for the conversion of TPS-43F air surveillance radar to TPS-75V configuration, support equipment, spare and repair parts, modification kits, publications, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, personnel training and equipment and other related elements of logistic support. The estimated cost is \$96 million.

This proposed sale is consistent with United States law and policy, as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

The proposed sale of radar will provide more responsive and timely information for air defense operations. The conversion of the AN/TPS-43 radar would significantly contribute to the modernization of its forces as well as allow modernization of obsolete radar. This radar is becoming unsupportable due to obsolescence.

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

The prime contractor will be Northrop Grumman Corporation, Bethpage, New York. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any U.S. Government representatives; however, it is estimated that approximately three months of contractor technical support will be required following delivery of the radar.

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