

Transmittal No. 16–50

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 Argentina

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment *	\$196 million
Other	\$104 million

TOTAL	\$300 million
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(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:*

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Twenty-four (24) T–6C+ Texan trainer aircraft

Non-Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

This request includes the following Non-MDE: Spare engines, initial spare parts, support equipment, communications equipment, studies and surveys, contract logistics support and technical services, aircraft technical publications, aircraft ferry and support, life support equipment, initial maintenance training, initial pilot training, follow-on training, alternate mission equipment, Air Force Materiel Command services and travel, unclassified minor modifications and engineering change proposals, ground-based training system, operational flight trainer (OFT) and OFT spare parts.

(iv) *Military Department:* Air Force (AR–D–SAI)

(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 Attached annex.

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:* 15 JULY 2016

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Argentina—T–6C+ Texan aircraft

The Government of Argentina has requested a possible sale of twenty-four (24) T–6C+ Texan trainer aircraft, spare engines, initial spare parts, support equipment, communications equipment, studies and surveys, contract logistics support and technical services, aircraft technical publications, aircraft ferry and support, life support equipment, initial maintenance training, initial pilot training, follow-on training, alternate mission equipment, Air Force Materiel Command services and travel, unclassified minor modifications and engineering change proposals, ground-based training system, operational flight trainer (OFT) and OFT spare parts. The estimated value is \$300 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 major non-NATO ally. This potential sale will provide additional opportunities for bilateral engagements and further strengthen the bilateral relationship between the United States and Argentina.

The Argentine military has embarked on an ambitious path toward modernizing its military materiel. The proposed sale will revitalize Argentina's capability to train its pilots and fulfill border control missions, especially along its porous northern border. The Argentine Air Force (AAF) will use the enhanced capability to redevelop a professional pilot corps and as a deterrent to illicit activity. The AAF is very experienced working with the Pratt & Whitney PT6 family of engines which they currently have on their T–34, King Air, and Cessna Caravan aircraft. Given the logistical commonalities with the aircraft already in its fleet, the AAF will be able to support and field the new T–6C+.

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

The prime contractor will be Beechcraft Defense Company, LLC, of Wichita, Kansas. The purchaser requested offsets. At this time, agreements are undetermined and will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Argentina. The AAF plan is to initially train a cadre of mechanics in the United States, then a larger group in country via military training teams.

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 T–6C+ is a single engine turboprop trainer aircraft modified with an embedded virtual weapons training, simulation, and no-drop scoring capability, and is UNCLASSIFIED. The simulation and scoring capability is primarily designed to teach air-to-ground operations. The T–6C+ also includes the capability to carry mounted

external fuel tanks and employ lightweight training weapons.

2. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Argentina.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

TRICARE; Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP) Quarterly Premium Update

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of CHCBP quarterly premiums for FY 2017.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the CHCBP quarterly premiums for FY 2017.

DATES: The Fiscal Year 2017 rates contained in this notice are effective for services on or after October 1, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Defense Health Agency (DHA), TRICARE Health Plan, 7700 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 5101, Falls Church, Virginia 22042–5101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark A. Ellis, telephone (703) 681–0039.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The final rule published in the **Federal Register** (FR) on September 30, 1994 (59 FR 49818) sets forth rules to implement the CHCBP required by Title 10, United States Code, Section 1078a. Included in this final rule were provisions for updating the CHCBP premiums for each federal FY. As stated in the final rule, the premiums are based on Federal Employee Health Benefit Program employee and agency contributions required for a comparable health benefits plan, plus an administrative fee. Premiums may be revised annually and shall be published when the premium amount is changed.

The DHA has updated the quarterly premiums for FY 2017 as shown below:

Quarterly CHCBP Premiums for FY 2017

Individual \$1,372.00

Family \$3,087.00

The above premiums are effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2016.

Dated: August 18, 2016.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison
Officer Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2016-ICCD-0030]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and approval; Comment Request; Study of Title I Schoolwide and Targeted Assistance Programs

AGENCY: Department of Education (ED), Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development (OPEPD).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 22, 2016.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2016-ICCD-0030. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E-347, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Joanne Bogart, 202-205-7855.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize

the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education 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: Study of Title I Schoolwide and Targeted Assistance Programs.

OMB Control Number: 1875-NEW.

Type of Review: A new information collection.

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

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 2,120.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,232.

Abstract: The U.S. Department of Education (Department) requests OMB clearance for data collection activities associated with the Study of Title I Schoolwide and Targeted Assistance Programs. The purpose of this study is to provide a detailed analysis of the types of strategies and activities implemented in Title I schoolwide program (SWP) and targeted assistance program (TAP) schools, how different configurations of resources are used to support these strategies and how local officials make decisions about the use of these varied resources. To this end the study team will conduct site visits to a set of 40 case study schools that will involve in-person and telephone interviews with Title I district officials and school staff involved in Title I administration. In addition, the study team will collect and review relevant extant data and administer surveys to a nationally representative sample of principals and school district administrators. Both the case study and survey samples include Title I SWP and TAP schools. Clearance is requested for the case study and survey components of the study, including its purpose, sampling strategy, data collection

procedures, and data analysis approach.

Dated: August 18, 2016.

Kate Mullan,

Acting Director, Information Collection
Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy
Officer, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Call for U.S.-China Energy Performance Contracting Pilot Projects To Be Recognized at the 7th Annual U.S.-China Energy Efficiency Forum

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of extension for project submissions.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of an extension from August 22, 2016 to September 9, 2016 to submit innovative U.S.-China energy performance contracting (EPC) projects. EPC projects at public, commercial, and industrial facilities located in the U.S. or China with project participation from at least one U.S. entity and at least one Chinese entity are eligible. Eligible entities include energy service companies (ESCOs), technology providers, facility owners or operators, and financiers. EPC projects that meet the 2016 Pilot Project Criteria and demonstrate replicability will receive special recognition at the 7th Annual U.S.-China Energy Efficiency Forum in October 2016 in Beijing. Some recognition recipients will be invited to speak at a special breakout session.

DATES: Project submissions for consideration must be received by September 9, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Project submissions should be emailed in English and Chinese to the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and ESCO Committee of China Energy Conservation Association at the email addresses provided below. "The Pilot Project Criteria 2016" and "Appendix: Project Submission Template" can be found on: <http://www.globalchange.umd.edu/archived-research-areas/energy-efficiency-and-mitigation/epc/>.

Applicants must complete the Chinese and English project submission template and draft a proposed MOU. The proposed MOU should memorialize the cooperation of U.S. and Chinese