

Years of Age (DD Form 137-6, and Ward of a Court (DD Form 137-7); OMB Number 0730-0014.

Needs and Uses: This information collection is used to certify dependency or obtain information to determine entitlement to basic allowance for housing (BAH) with dependent rate, travel allowance, or Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card. Information regarding a parent, a child born out-of-wedlock, an incapacitated child over age 21, a student age 21-22, or a ward of a court is provided by the military member or by another individual who may be a member of the public. Pursuant to 37 U.S.C. 401, 403, 406, and 10 U.S.C. 1072 and 1076, the member must provide more than one half of the claimed child's monthly expenses. DoDFMR 7000.14, Vol. 7A, defines dependency and directs that dependency be proven. Dependency claim examiners use the information from these forms to determine the degree of benefits. The requirement to provide the information decreases the possibility of monetary allowances being approved on behalf of ineligible dependents.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 24,300 hours.

Number of Respondents: 19,440.
Responses Per Respondent: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 1.25 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

When military members apply for benefits, they must complete the form which corresponds to the particular dependent situation (a parent, a child born out-of-wedlock, an incapacitated child over age 21, a student age 21-22, or a ward of a court). While members usually complete these forms, they can also be completed by others considered members of the public. Dependency claim examiners use the information from these forms to determine the degree of benefits. Without this collection of information, proof of an entitlement to a benefit would not exist. The requirement to complete these forms helps alleviate the opportunity for fraud, waste, and abuse of dependent benefits.

Dated: April 5, 2004.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD, Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 04-04]

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 04-04 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

30 MAR 2004
In reply refer to:
I-03/016790

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. 04-04 and under separate cover the classified offset certificate thereto. This Transmittal concerns the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$1.776 billion. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media of the unclassified portion of this Transmittal.

Reporting of Offset Agreements in accordance with Section 36(b)(1)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, requires a description of any offset agreement with respect to this proposed sale. Section 36(g) of the AECA, as amended, provides that reported information related to offset agreements be treated as confidential information in accordance with section 12(c) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App. 2411(c)). Information about offsets for this proposed sale is described in the enclosed confidential attachment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tome Walters", is positioned above the typed name.

TOME H. WALTERS, JR.
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USAF
DIRECTOR

Attachments

Separate Cover:
Offset certificate

Transmittal No. 04-04

**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*	\$.597 billion
Other	<u>\$1.179 billion</u>
TOTAL	\$1.776 billion
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** two Ultra High Frequency long range early warning radars (surveillance radars, part of the Surveillance Radar Program (SRP)), communications equipment, facilities to house and maintain the radars, missile warning centers, power, spare/repair parts, support equipment, program management, publications, documentation, personnel training, training equipment, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related program support elements.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (DAH)
- (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:** 30 MAR 2004

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

Transmittal No. 04-04**POLICY JUSTIFICATION****Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States – Ultra High Frequency Long Range Early Warning Radars**

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States has requested a possible sale of two Ultra High Frequency long range early warning radars (surveillance radars, part of the Surveillance Radar Program (SRP)), communications equipment, facilities to house and maintain the radars, missile warning centers, power, spare/repair parts, support equipment, program management, publications, documentation, personnel training, training equipment, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related program support elements. The estimated cost is \$1.776 billion.

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

This proposed SRP sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security and defensive capability of the recipient, which has been and continues to be an important force for economic progress in the Far East.

The recipient requires these radars to proceed with improvements to its planned command and control infrastructure. These radars will assist recipient to identify and detect ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, and air breathing target threats.

The SRP will possess the inherent performance growth capability to address potential threats well into the future. The planned acquisition will include all necessary connectivity to incorporate early warning capability into recipient's Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance architecture. SRP is a key integrating element of recipient's air and missile defense architecture.

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

A U.S. prime contractor will be chosen after a competitive source selection conducted following LOA acceptance. Raytheon Company of Tewksbury, Massachusetts and Lockheed Martin Corporation of Syracuse, New York are the two largest companies expected to bid. The winning prime contractor will likely be required to propose offset agreements in conjunction with this proposed sale. Further details on offsets are not available at this time.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to recipient.

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 surveillance radars will fill gaps in recipient's threat warning capability. The Surveillance Radar Program (SRP) radars will provide a robust early warning capability and will detect, acquire, and track theater ballistic missile, air breathing targets, and cruise missile threats. Further, the SRP systems will be able to operate in severe clutter and jamming environments, amid high levels of background radio frequency interference.

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 recipient 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**Department of the Army****Supplemental Draft Environmental
Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the
Proposed Addition of Maneuver
Training Land at Fort Irwin, CA**

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Army has prepared an SDEIS to address potential environmental effects associated with proposed Army training in the study areas in Fort Irwin. Expansion of the maneuver area of the National Training Center (NTC) provides an extended battle space (land and air space) environment for training Army brigade-sized ground and air units according to the Army's training and combat operations.

DATES: The comment period will end 45 days after publication of the NOA in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the SDEIS may be made to: NTC Land

Expansion Program, Attention: AFZJ-SP, Strategic Planning Division, P.O. 105004, Fort Irwin, California 93210, by calling (760) 380-6339, or by facsimile at (760) 380-2294.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Mrs. Priscilla Kernek or Mr. Allen Lute, AFZJ-SP Strategic Planning Division, P.O. 105004, Fort Irwin, CA 92311. Interested parties may also call (760) 380-6173.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed project involves acquisition of approximately 110,000 new acres on the east and southwest sides of the existing NTC and the return to training use of approximately 22,000 acres in the south that are currently set aside for the desert tortoise critical habitat. While the proposed land expansion is less than the 274,167 acres identified in the 2003 Land Use Requirements Survey (LURS), it satisfies the most critical needs for additional maneuver land, while taking into account the Army's environmental stewardship responsibilities.

Submit electronic comments and data by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to allen.lute@irwin.army.mil. Submit comments as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Fort Irwin also accepts

data on disks in Microsoft Word 2000 file format.

Individuals who wish to review the SDEIS may examine a copy at a public library in any of the following locations: Barstow, Victorville, San Bernardino, Torrance, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Diego, CA.

The dates and locations of the public hearings are: April 27, Barstow City Council Chambers, 220 E. Mountain View, Barstow; April 29, Victorville City Council Chambers, 14343 Civic Drive, Victorville; May 5, San Diego City Admin Building, 22 C Street, 12th Floor, San Diego; May 6, Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance; May 12, San Bernardino City Council Chambers, 300 N. D Street, San Bernardino; and May 18, 2004, Barstow City Council Chambers, 220 E. Mountain View, Barstow. The date, time, and location of the public hearings will also be announced in the local newspapers in Barstow, Victorville, San Bernardino, Torrance, and San Diego, CA.