

prime movers; forty-nine (49) Palletized Load System (PLS) Trailers (M1076A0); PLS Flat Rack (M1077 with sides); elements of logistical, contract, and other support services including spare parts; special tools and test equipment; tool sets; standard technical manuals; OCONUS operator and maintainer new equipment training (NET); Contractor Logistics Support (CLS) including Field Service Representatives (FSRs); de-processing services; construction of a heavy tactical vehicle maintenance facility; U.S. Government-furnished program management; and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) *Military Department: Army* (KU–B–UYB).

(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:* July 1, 2021.

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

Policy Justification

Kuwait—Heavy Tactical Vehicles

The Government of Kuwait has requested to buy five hundred seventeen (517) total Heavy Tactical Vehicles consisting of Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks (HEMTT) and Heavy Equipment Transporters (HET). These items include: thirty-one (31) HEMTT Wrecker Trucks (M984A4 ten-ton with crane and winch); one hundred (100) HEMTT Fuel Tanker Trucks (M978A4, ten-ton, 2,500 gallon); one hundred eighty-eight (188) Guided Missile Transporter Trucks (M985A4, ten-ton with winch); fifty (50) Heavy Equipment Transporter (HET) Trucks (M1070A1); fifty (50) 635NL Commercial Trailers for use with HET prime movers; forty-nine (49) Palletized Load System (PLS) Trailers (M1076A0); PLS Flat Rack (M1077 with sides); elements of logistical, contract, and other support services including spare parts, special tools and test equipment; tool sets; standard technical manuals; OCONUS operator and maintainer new equipment training (NET); Contractor Logistics Support (CLS) including Field Service Representatives (FSRs); de-processing services; construction of a heavy tactical vehicle maintenance facility; U.S. Government-furnished program management; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total case value is \$445 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a Major Non-NATO ally that is an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

This proposed sale will improve Kuwait's capability to meet current and future threats by providing tactical logistics, sustainment, and transportation support to the country's Land Force Support Command. HEMTT Wreckers provide the capability to recover disabled wheeled vehicles. The other HEMTTs include Fuel Tankers and Guided Missile Transporters to perform resupply missions. The HEMTT and Palletized Load System trailers transport bulk supplies to include fuel, ammunition, spare parts, and rations. Kuwait will use these heavy vehicles to transport and support heavy equipment, including their legacy M1A2 tanks and their new M1A2K main battle tank slated for delivery in 2021. Kuwait will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment and the associated services into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor will be Oshkosh Defense, LLC, Oshkosh, WI, for HEMTTs, HETs, PLS trailers, and support. The sub-contractor for commercial 635NL trailers will be Fontaine Trailers, Springville, AL. The sub-contractor for trailer flat racks will be Etnyre, Oregon, IL. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of ten to fifteen (10–15) embedded U.S. contractor representatives to Kuwait for duration of a five (5) year program to provide training, field service representatives, fleet support, program management, and facility construction oversight.

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. Heavy Tactical Vehicles (HTV) are used to provide tactical sustainment, logistics, transportation, and combat support for land forces in the field. The M984A4 Wrecker Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT) (SME)

is used to recover disabled vehicles and pull various vehicles in use by land forces. Other variants of HEMTT and the associated trailers are used to transport bulk supplies of all classes, to include fuel, ammunition, spare parts, and rations. The M985A4 HEMTT is designed to carry and transport missiles. The 70-Ton Heavy Equipment Transporter (HET M1070A1 and commercial trailers) are used to transport and pull heavy equipment up to and including the heavy armored brigade M1A2 main battle tank.

2. This case will include wiring harnesses and mounting hardware for radio equipment, but the sale of radios are not included within the scope of this proposed sale.

3. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this sale is UNCLASSIFIED.

4. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and 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.

5. A determination has been made that the Government of Kuwait 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.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 21–43]

Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Arms sales notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Neil Hedlund at neil.g.hedlund.civ@mail.mil or (703) 697–9214.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 36(b)(1) arms sales notification is published to fulfill the requirements of

section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal

21-43 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: January 31, 2023.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
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May 24, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-209, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 21-43 concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Spain for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$110 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heidi H. Grant", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Heidi H. Grant
Director

Enclosures:

1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification

Transmittal No. 21–43

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 Spain

(ii) *Total Estimated Value*:

Major Defense Equipment * ..	\$ 0 million
Other	\$110 million

TOTAL	\$110 million
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(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase*:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

None

Non-MDE:

Follow on Contractor Logistics Support to include contractor provided MQ–9A Blk 5 aircraft components, spares, and accessories; repair and return; software and software support services; simulator software; personnel training and training equipment; publications and technical documentation; U.S. Government and contractor provided engineering, technical and logistical support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) *Military Department*: Air Force (SP–D–QAF)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any*: SP–D–GAI, SP–D–SAA

(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*: None

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress*: May 24, 2021

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

Policy Justification

Spain—Follow-On Contractor Logistics Support (CLS) for MQ–9A Blk 5 Aircraft

The Government of Spain has requested to buy follow on Contractor Logistics Support to include contractor provided MQ–9A Blk 5 aircraft components, spares, and accessories; repair and return; software and software support services; simulator software; personnel training and training equipment; publications and technical documentation; U.S. Government and contractor provided engineering, technical and logistical support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The total estimated program cost is \$110 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by

improving the security of a NATO ally which is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

This proposed sale will improve Spain's capability to meet current and future threats by ensuring the operational readiness of the Royal Spanish Air Force. Spain's MQ–9A aircraft fleet provides Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance support that directly supports U.S. and coalition operations around the world. Spain will have no difficulty absorbing these support services into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be General Atomics, Palmdale, CA. There are no known 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 Spain.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED–2022–SCC–0141]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2024

AGENCY: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 8, 2023.

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 Carrie Clarady, 202–245–6347.

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: National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2024.

OMB Control Number: 1850–0928.

Type of Review: A revision of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 833,139.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 519,605.

Abstract: The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), is a federally authorized survey of student achievement at grades 4, 8, and 12 in various subject areas, such as mathematics, reading, writing, science, U.S. history, civics, geography, economics, technology and engineering literacy (TEL), and the arts. The National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (Public Law 107–279 Title III, section 303) requires the assessment to collect data on specified student groups and characteristics, including information organized by race/ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, disability, and limited English proficiency. It requires fair and accurate presentation of achievement data and permits the collection of background, noncognitive,