

Item	Estimated time for response (minutes)	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
User Training Registration Forms .....	5	74	6
Security Identification Badges for Public Users (PTO-2224) .....	5	1,000	80
Renew Security Identification Badges for Public Users .....	5	3,200	256
Replace Security Identification Badge .....	5	100	8
Total .....	.....	10,500	1,045

*Estimated Total Annual Non-hour Respondent Cost Burden:* \$1,982. There are no capital start-up, maintenance, or recordkeeping costs associated with this information collection. However, this collection does have annual (non-hour) costs in the form of fees and postage costs.

There are no application or renewal fees for online access cards or security identification badges. However, there is a \$15 fee for issuing a replacement security identification badge. The USPTO estimates that it will reissue approximately 100 security badges annually that have been lost or need to be replaced, for a total of \$1,500 per year in replacement fees.

The public training course fee is being deleted from this collection. However, there is a \$120 fee for users who request private instruction for the online search systems available at the Public Search Facility. The USPTO estimates that it will receive 4 registrations for individual instruction per year, for a total of \$480 in training fees. Therefore, this collection has a total of \$1,980 per year in fees in the form of security badge replacement fees and training registration fees.

Users may incur postage costs when submitting a user training registration form to the USPTO by mail. The USPTO expects that approximately 4 of the estimated 74 training forms received per year will be submitted by mail. The USPTO estimates that the average first-class postage cost for a mailed training form will be 42 cents, for a total postage

cost of approximately \$2 per year for this collection.

The total annual (non-hour) respondent cost burden for this collection in the form of fees and postage costs is estimated to be \$1,982 per year.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 17, 2008.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 09-04]

#### 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. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601-3740.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 09-04 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: December 16, 2008.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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

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**DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY  
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ARLINGTON, VA 22202-5408**

DEC 09 2008

**The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-6501**

**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. 09-04, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Iraq for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$520 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a press statement to notify the public of this proposed sale.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Wieringa".

**Jeffrey A. Wieringa  
Vice Admiral, USN  
Director**

**Enclosures:**

- 1. Transmittal**
- 2. Policy Justification**
- 3. Sensitivity of Technology**
- 4. Regional Balance (Classified Document Provided Under Separate Cover)**

**Same ltr to:**

**House**

**Committee on Foreign Affairs  
Committee on Armed Services  
Committee on Appropriations**

**Senate**

**Committee on Foreign Relations  
Committee on Armed Services  
Committee on Appropriations**

**Transmittal No. 09-04**

**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:** Iraq
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- |                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 420 million        |
| Other                    | \$ <u>100 million</u> |
| TOTAL                    | \$ 520 million        |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 36 AT-6B Texan II Aircraft, 6 spare PT-6A-68 Turboprop engines, 10 spare ALE-47 Counter-Measure Dispensing Systems and/or 10 spare AAR-60 Missile Launch Detection Systems, global positioning systems with CMA-4124, spare and repair parts, maintenance, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, tanker support, ferry services, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (SAC)
- (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:** DEC 09 2008

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

**POLICY JUSTIFICATION****Iraq – AT-6B Texan II Aircraft**

The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale of 36 AT-6B Texan II Aircraft, 6 spare PT-6 engines, 10 spare ALE-47 Counter-Measure Dispensing Systems and/or 10 spare AAR-60 Missile Launch Detection Systems, global positioning systems with CMA-4124, spare and repair parts, maintenance, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, tanker support, ferry services, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$520 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 friendly country.

The proposed sale of these aircraft, equipment, and support will enhance the ability of the Iraqi forces to sustain themselves in their efforts to bring stability to Iraq and to prevent overflow of unrest into neighboring countries.

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

The principal contractors are:

Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, Wichita, Kansas  
Pratt & Whitney Corporation, Quebec, Canada and Bridgeport, West Virginia  
Martin Baker in Middlesex, United Kingdom  
Hartzel Propeller, Piqua, Ohio  
Canadian Marconi, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma  
L-3 Vertex, Madison, Mississippi

There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

The proposed sale will involve multiple trips to Iraq involving many U.S. government and contractor representatives over a period of 15 years for program management, program and technical reviews, training, maintenance support, and site surveys.

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

**Transmittal No. 09-04****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 AT-6B is a light attack variant of the T-6B military training aircraft designed to employ in a low threat scenario against unconventional threats. It is equipped with an integrated Electro-Optical/Infrared (EO/IR) Laser sensor suite, which gives it a day/night Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance (ISR) capability with a laser illuminator/ range finder/ designator to allow employment of the AGM-114M3 missile. The aircraft has six external hardpoints for weapons and fuel carriage. The Iraqi variant will be equipped for AGM-114 missiles, external fuel tanks, and HMP-400 .50 cal gun pods. The ISR package allows for datalink capabilities which are compatible with the current Iraqi ISR assets. Critical components (cockpit and engine) will have aircraft armor able to withstand small arms fire. The fuel system is also hardened to withstand small arms fire. The hardware and software are Unclassified. Technical data and documentation to be provided are Unclassified.

2. The AN/ALE-47 Counter-Measures Dispensing System (CMDS) is an integrated, threat-adaptive, software-programmable dispensing system capable of dispensing chaff, flares, and active radio frequency expendables. The threats countered by the CMDS include radar-directed anti-aircraft artillery (AAA), radar command-guided missiles, radar homing-guided missiles, and infrared (IR) guided missiles. The system is internally mounted and may be operated as a stand-alone system or may be integrated with other on-board EW and avionics systems. The AN/ALE-47 uses threat data received over the aircraft interfaces to assess the threat situation and to determine a response. Expendable routines tailored to the immediate aircraft and threat environment may be dispensed using one of four operational modes. Hardware and software are Unclassified. Technical data and documentation to be provided are Unclassified.

3. The AN/AAR-60 Missile Launch Detection System (MILDS) is a passive, true imaging sensor device that is optimized to detect the radiation signature of a threat missile's exhaust plume within the Ultra Violet (UV) solar blind spectral band. Functionally, the architecture detects incoming missile threats and indicates their direction of arrival with the maximum of warning time. The system is further noted as

**featuring inherently high-spatial resolution, advanced temporal processing, a very high declaration rate, the virtual elimination of false alarm rates, fast threat detection and the automatic initiation of appropriate countermeasures. Physically, a typical application comprises four to six self-contained detector units each of which provides full signal processing. Hardware and software are Unclassified. Technical data and documentation to be provided are 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.**

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal Nos. 09-07]

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Dated: December 16, 2008.

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