

whale, subsistence seal hunts (ringed and spotted seals are primarily harvested in winter while bearded seals are hunted during July–September in the Beaufort Sea), or the fall bowhead hunt.

In addition, based on the measures described in BP's POC and CAA, the proposed mitigation and monitoring measures (described earlier in this document), and the project design itself, NMFS has determined that there will not be an unmitigable adverse impact on subsistence uses from BP's OBC seismic survey in the Simpson Lagoon of the Beaufort Sea.

### Endangered Species Act (ESA)

There are two marine mammal species listed as endangered under the ESA with confirmed or possible occurrence in the project area: The bowhead and humpback whales. In addition, there are two marine mammal species that are currently being proposed for listing under the ESA with confirmed occurrence in the proposed project area: Ringed and bearded seals. NMFS' Permits and Conservation Division consulted with NMFS' Alaska Regional Office Division of Protected Resources under section 7 of the ESA on the issuance of an IHA to BP under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for this activity. A Biological Opinion was issued on June 21, 2012, which concludes that issuance of the IHA is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the ESA-listed marine mammal species and species proposed for ESA-listing. In addition, analysis by NMFS AKRO showed that humpback whale will not be affected, therefore, no take was authorized. NMFS will issue an Incidental Take Statement under this Biological Opinion which contains reasonable and prudent measures with implementing terms and conditions to minimize the effects of take of listed species.

### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NMFS prepared an EA that includes an analysis of potential environmental effects associated with NMFS' issuance of an IHA to BP to take marine mammals incidental to conducting its OBC seismic survey in the Simpson Lagoon area of the Beaufort Sea during the 2012 open water season. NMFS has finalized the EA and prepared a FONSI for this action. Therefore, preparation of an EIS is not necessary.

### Authorization

As a result of these determinations, NMFS has issued an IHA to BP to take marine mammals incidental to its 2012

OBC open-water seismic survey in the Simpson Lagoon area of the Beaufort Sea, Alaska, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: June 29, 2012.

**Helen M. Golde,**

*Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

The following notice of a scheduled meeting is published pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94–409, 5 U.S.C. 552b.

#### AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:

Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**TIMES AND DATES:** The Commission has scheduled a meeting for the following date: July 10, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

**PLACE:** Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st St. NW., Washington, DC, Lobby Level Hearing Room (Room 1300).

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Commission has scheduled this meeting to consider various rulemaking matters, including the issuance of proposed rules and the approval of final rules. The agenda for this meeting is available to the public and posted on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.cftc.gov>. In the event that the time or date of the meeting changes, an announcement of the change, along with the new time and place of the meeting will be posted on the Commission's Web site.

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

David A. Stawick, Secretary of the Commission, 202–418–5071.

**Sauntia S. Warfield,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Commission.*

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

The National Civilian Community Corps Advisory Board gives notice of the following meeting:

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, July 19, 2012, 2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Conference Room #8312, 8th floor, Corporation for National and Community Service Headquarters, 1201 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20525.

**CALL-IN INFORMATION:** This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: 888–455–7057 conference call access code number 1876264. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and CNCS will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Replays are generally available one hour after a call ends. The toll-free phone number for the replay is 203–369–3269. The end replay date: August 19, 2012, 11:59 p.m. (CT).

**STATUS:** Open.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- I. Meeting Convenes
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Director's Report
- IV. Area Reports:
  - Recruitment, Selection and Placement
  - Projects and Partnerships
  - Policy and Operations
  - Member Training and Development
- V. Public Comment

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Anyone who needs an interpreter or other accommodation should notify CNCS's contact person by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 12, 2012.

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Erma Hodge, NCCC, Corporation for National and Community Service, 9th Floor, Room 9802B, 1201 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20525. Phone (202) 606–6696. Fax (202) 606–3459. TTY: (800) 833–3722. Email: [ehodge@cns.gov](mailto:ehodge@cns.gov).

Dated: July 3, 2012.

**Valerie E. Green,**

*General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 12–13]

### 36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

**AGENCY:** Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense.

**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 July 21, 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 12-13 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: July 2, 2012.

**Aaron Siegel,**

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

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**DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY**

201 12TH STREET SOUTH, STE 203  
ARLINGTON, VA 22202-5408

JUN 26 2012

The Honorable John A. Boehner  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. 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. 12-13, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Qatar for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$2.5 billion. 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, which appears to read "William E. Landay III".

**William E. Landay III**  
Vice Admiral, USN  
Director

**Enclosures:**

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



## BILLING CODE 5001-06-C

Transmittal No. 12-13

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:* Qatar(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment \* \$1.5 billion

Other ..... \$1.0 billion

Total ..... \$2.5 billion

(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:*

10 MH-60R SEAHAWK Multi-Mission Helicopters, 12 MH-60S SEAHAWK Multi-Mission Helicopters with the Armed Helicopter Modification Kit, 48 T-700 GE 401C Engines (44 installed and 4 spare) with an option to purchase an additional 6 MH-60S SEAHAWK Multi-Mission Helicopters with the Armed Helicopter Modification Kit and 13 T-700 GE 401C Engines (12 installed and 1 spare) at a later date, communication equipment, spare engine containers, support equipment, spare and repair parts, tools and test equipment, technical data and publications, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Navy (SAG)(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:* 26 June 2012

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

**POLICY JUSTIFICATION*****Qatar—MH-60R and MH-60S Multi-Mission Helicopters***

The Government of Qatar has requested a possible sale of 10 MH-60R SEAHAWK Multi-Mission Helicopters, 12 MH-60S SEAHAWK Multi-Mission Helicopters with the Armed Helicopter Modification Kit, 48 T-700 GE 401C Engines (44 installed and 4 spare) with an option to purchase an additional 6 MH-60S SEAHAWK Multi-Mission Helicopters with the Armed Helicopter Modification Kit and 13 T-700 GE 401C Engines (12 installed and 1 spare) at a later date, communication equipment, spare engine containers, support

equipment, spare and repair parts, tools and test equipment, technical data and publications, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$2.5 billion.

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 that has been, and continues to be, an important force for political and economic progress in the Middle East. Qatar is a strategic partner in maintaining stability in the region. The acquisition of these helicopters will allow for greater interoperability with U.S. forces, providing benefits for training and possible future coalition operations in support of shared regional security objectives.

The proposed sale of the MH-60R and MH-60S SEAHAWK helicopters will improve Qatar's capability to meet current and future anti-surface warfare threats. Qatar will use the enhanced capability to strengthen its homeland defense. The MH-60R and MH-60S helicopters will supplement and eventually replace the Qatar Air Force's aging maritime patrol helicopters. Qatar will have no difficulty absorbing these helicopters into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractors will be Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation in Stratford, Connecticut, Lockheed Martin in Owego, New York, and General Electric in Lynn, Massachusetts. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of fifteen contractor representatives to Qatar on an intermittent basis over the life of the case to support delivery of the MH-60R and MH-60S helicopters and provide support and equipment familiarization.

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

Transmittal No. 12-13

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 MH-60R SEAHAWK Multi-Mission Helicopter contains new generation technology. It is equipped for a range of missions including Anti-

Surface Warfare (ASuW), Search and Rescue, Naval Gun Fire Support, Surveillance, Communications Relay, Logistics Support, Personnel Transfer, and Vertical Replenishment. The fully integrated glass cockpit is equipped with four 8 inch by 10 inch full color multi-function mission and flight displays that are night vision goggle compatible and sun light readable. The pilots and aircrew have common programmable keysets, mass memory unit, mission and flight management computers, and MH-60R dedicated operational software. The navigation suite includes the LN-100G inertial navigation system with an embedded global positioning system. The helicopter is equipped with mission systems including the APS-153 Multi-Mode Radar, the AN/ALQ-210 Electronic Support Measures System, and the AN/AAS-44 Multi-Spectral Targeting Forward Looking Infrared system. Self Protection systems include the AN/AAR-47 Missile Warning Set, AN/ALQ-144A Infrared Counter Measure System, and the AN/ALE-47 chaff and flare decoy dispenser.

2. The MH-60S SEAHAWK Multi-Mission Helicopter contains new generation technology. It is equipped for a range of missions including Search and Rescue, combat Search and Rescue, vertical replenishment, non-combatant evacuation operations, medical evacuation, air ambulance, special warfare support, ASuW, and maritime interdiction operations. The fully integrated glass cockpit is equipped with four 8 inch by 10 inch full color multi-function mission and flight displays that are night vision goggle compatible and sunlight readable. The pilots and aircrew have common programmable keysets, a mass memory unit, mission and flight management computers, and MH-60R/MH-60S operational software. The navigation suite includes the LN-100G inertial navigation system embedded global positioning system and inertial navigation system. The helicopter is equipped with a fully digital communications suite with ARC-210 radios for Ultra High Frequency/Very High Frequency voice communications and the Downed Aviator Locating System. The MH-60S Armed Helicopter Weapons Kit includes the AN/AAS-44 Forward Looking Infrared, external weapons systems (pylons to carry up to eight HELLFIRE air-to-surface missiles), left and right cabin window-mounted crew-served weapons (7.62 mm and .50-calibre (12.7 mm)), Electronic Warfare Self-Defense Suite (including Missile/Laser Warning Systems

countermeasures, countermeasure dispensing systems), digital map, Identification Friend or Foe Mode-4 and cockpit/cabin floor armor. The MH-60S, including the mission equipment, is classified Secret.

3. 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.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Office of the Secretary**

**[Transmittal Nos. 12-17]**

#### **36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification**

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**ACTION:** Notice.

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