

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Jordan—UH-60M VIP Blackhawk Helicopter)

The Government of Jordan has requested a possible sale of one (1) UH-60M Black Hawk Helicopter, with two (2) T700-GE-701D Engines, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, support equipment, communication equipment, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, logistics, and technical support services, aircraft survivability equipment, aviation mission planning system, tools and test equipment, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$21 million.

The 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 which has been, and continues to be, an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale of one Black Hawk helicopter to Jordan will provide intra-country transportation for the Royal family, Jordanian officials, visiting Heads of State, and other dignitaries. Jordan, which already has Black Hawk helicopters in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing this additional helicopter.

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

The principal contractors will be Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford, Connecticut; and General Electric Company in Cincinnati, Ohio. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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

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

Transmittal No. 15-18

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter Of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex

Item No. vii

(ix) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. The UH-60M Black Hawk Utility Helicopter contains communications and identification equipment, navigation equipment, aircraft survivability equipment, displays, and sensors. The airframe itself does not contain sensitive technology. The

highest level of classified information required to be released for training, operation and maintenance of the Black Hawk is Unclassified. The highest level which could be revealed through reverse engineering or testing of the end item is Secret.

2. The AN/APR-39, Radar Signal Detecting Set provides warning of a radar directed air defense threat to allow appropriate countermeasures. This is the 1553 data bus compatible configuration. Hardware is classified Confidential when programmed with U.S. threat data; releasable technical manuals for operation and maintenance are classified Confidential; releasable technical data and performance is classified Secret.

3. The AN/AVR-2B, Laser Warning Set is a passive laser warning system that receives, processes, and displays threat information resulting from aircraft illumination by lasers, on the multi-functional display. The hardware is classified Confidential; releasable technical manuals for operation and maintenance are classified Secret. Reverse engineering is not a major concern.

4. The AN-ARC-231 is an airborne Very High Frequency/Ultra High Frequency (VHF/UHF) Line of Sight and DAMA SATCOM communication system. The ARC-231 provides airborne, multi-band, multi-mission, secure anti-jam voice, data and imagery network capable communications in a compact radio set.

5. The AN-ARC-201D Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System (SINCGARS) is a tactical airborne radio subsystem that provides secure, anti-jam voice and data communication. The Enhanced Data Modes (EDM) of the radio employs a Reed-Solomon Forward Error Correction (FEC) technique that provides enhanced bit-error-rate performance. The EDM Packet Data Mode supports packet data transfer from the airborne host computer to another airborne platform or the ground-based equivalent SINCGARS system. Performance capabilities, ECM/ECCM specifications and Engineering Change Orders (ECOs) are classified Secret.

6. The AAR-57(V) Common Missile Warning System detects threat missiles in flight, evaluates potential false alarms, declares validity of threat and selects appropriate IRCM. Includes Electro-Optical Missile Sensors, Electronic Control Unit, Sequencer and Improved Countermeasures Dispenser. The hardware is classified Confidential; releasable technical manuals for operation and maintenance are classified Secret. Reverse engineering is not a major concern.

7. 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.

8. A determination has been made that the recipient country 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.

9. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to Jordan.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2015-OS-0044]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Defense, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to add a New System of Records.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary of Defense proposes to add a new system of records, DMDC 19 DoD, entitled "Secure Web Fingerprint Transmission (SWFT)" to its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. This system will provide a means for all DoD individuals required to submit electronic fingerprints and demographic information to the Office of Personnel and Management (OPM) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for a personnel security clearance or as part of a background investigation.

Additionally, SWFT will transmit an electronic fingerprint file with demographic information as part of a background investigation to the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) Person Data Repository (PDR) for identity matching purposes.

DATES: Comments will be accepted on or before June 15, 2015. This proposed action will be effective the day following the end of the comment period unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate of Oversight and Compliance, Regulatory and Audit Matters Office, 9010 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–9010.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Cindy Allard, Chief, OSD/JS Privacy Office, Freedom of Information Directorate, Washington Headquarters Service, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–1155, or by phone at (571) 372–0461.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of the Secretary of Defense notices for systems of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or at <http://dpcl.d.defense.gov/>. The proposed system report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, was submitted on May 5, 2015, to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A–130, “Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals,” dated February 8, 1996 (February 20, 1996, 61 FR 6427).

Dated: May 8, 2015.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

DMDC 19 DoD

SYSTEM NAME:

Secure Web Fingerprint Transmission (SWFT).

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Defense Manpower Data Center, DoD Center Monterey Bay, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955–6771.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

DoD military, civilian, and contractor personnel, and non-Federal agency civilian associates (e.g., American Red Cross paid employees, state employees supporting National Guard) eligible for the Common Access Card.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Social Security Number (SSN), name, place of birth, date of birth, electronic fingerprint file.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

DoD Directive 5105.42, Defense Security Service (DSS); DoD Instruction 5200.02, DoD Personnel Security Program (PSP); 32 CFR part 156, Department of Defense Personnel Security Program (DODPSP); E.O. 10450, Security requirements for Government employment; HSPD 12, Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors; and E.O. 9397 (SSN), as amended.

PURPOSE:

To provide a means for all DoD individuals required to submit electronic fingerprints and demographic information to the Office of Personnel and Management (OPM) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for a personnel security clearance or as part of a background investigation.

Additionally, SWFT will transmit an electronic fingerprint file with demographic information as part of a background investigation to the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) Person Data Repository (PDR) for identity matching purposes.

ROUTINE USES FOR RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the records contained herein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as follows to:

The Office of Personnel and Management (OPM) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for investigative purposes related to the conduct of security clearance investigations and background checks.

The DoD Blanket Routine Uses set forth at the beginning of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) compilation of systems of records notices may apply to this system. The complete list of DoD blanket routine uses can be found online at: <http://dpcl.d.defense.gov/Privacy/SORNSindex/BlanketRoutineUses.aspx>.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING AND DISPOSING OF THE RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Electronic storage media.

RETRIEVABILITY:

SSN and/or name.

SAFEGUARDS:

Electronic records are maintained in a controlled area accessible only to authorized personnel. Entry to these areas is restricted by the use of locks, guards, and administrative procedures. Electronic data are stored in an encrypted database. Access to personal information is limited to those who require the records in the performance of their official duties. Access to personal information is further restricted by the use of passwords which are changed periodically.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Electronic fingerprints are destroyed/deleted three (3) year(s) after successful transmission.

Unsuccessfully transmitted electronic fingerprints are destroyed/deleted when 90 days old.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Deputy Director for Identity and Personnel Assurance, Defense Manpower Data Center, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22350–6000.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should send written inquiries to: SWFT Program Manager, Personnel Security and Assurance Division, Defense Manpower Data Center, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955–6771.

Signed, written requests must contain the full name and SSN of the subject individual, along with a return address.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system must send signed written inquiries to: Office of the Secretary of Defense/Joint Staff Freedom of Information Act Request Service Center, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22350–3100.

Signed, written requests must contain the full name and SSN of the individual and address where the records are to be returned.

CONTESTING RECORDS PROCEDURES:

The OSD rules for accessing records, contesting contents, and appealing initial agency determinations are

contained in OSD Administrative Instruction 81; 32 CFR part 311; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Individual, industrial facilities cleared by the Personnel Security Management Office for Industry (PSMO-I), and DoD Component fingerprint capture devices.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED BY THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Extension of Public Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Joint Military Training

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On April 03, 2015, the Department of Navy (DoN) published a Notice of Availability and Notice of Public Meetings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Joint Military Training (80 FR 18385, April 03, 2015). The purpose of this notice is to announce an extension of the 60-day public comment period. The public comment period will be extended by 60 days to end on August 3, 2015 Eastern Daylight Time (E.D.T.) [August 4, 2015, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST)].

DATES: The extended 120-day public comment period for the Draft EIS began on April 3, 2015, EDT [April 04, 2015, ChST] with the publication of the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and with this extension, will end on August 3, 2015, EDT [August 4, 2015, ChST]. Mailed comments should be postmarked no later than August 3, 2015, EDT [August 4, 2015, ChST] to ensure they are considered.

ADDRESSES: The public may provide comments through the project Web site at www.CNMIJointMilitaryTrainingEIS.com, or by mail at: Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, Attn: 09PA, Public Affairs Office, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, JBPHH, HI 96860-3134.

The Draft EIS/OEIS was distributed to federal and local agencies, elected officials, and other interested individuals and organizations. The Draft EIS/OEIS is available for public review at www.CNMIJointMilitaryTrainingEIS.com, and at the following libraries:

(1) Joeten Kiyu Public Library, Saipan; (2) Northern Marianas College Olympio T. Borja Memorial Library, Saipan; (3) Tinian Public Library, Tinian; (4) Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Rota Public Library, Rota; (5) University of Guam Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, Guam; (6) Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library, Guam.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DoN's proposed action is to establish live-fire Range Training Areas (RTAs) within the CNMI to address the U.S. Pacific Command Service Components' unfilled unit level and combined level training requirements in the Western Pacific. The DoN recognizes that public comments are an essential part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Accordingly, the DoN established a 60-day public comment period in lieu of the minimum 45-day period required by NEPA implementing regulations. In response to requests by CNMI officials, Federal resource agencies, and the public, the DoN has extended the Draft EIS 60-day public comment period by a heretofore additional 60 days to August 3, 2015, EDT [August 4, 2015, ChST].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CNMI Joint Military Training EIS/OEIS Project Manager by email via the project Web site (www.CNMIJointMilitaryTrainingEIS.com).

Dated: May 11, 2015.

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Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Strengthening U.S. Academic Programs in Accelerator Science

AGENCY: Office of High Energy Physics, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of request for information (RFI).

SUMMARY: The Office of High Energy Physics (HEP), as the Department of Energy's (DOE or Department) lead office for long-term accelerator research and development (R&D), invites interested parties to provide comments on proposed policies, practices and mechanisms which DOE-HEP may

implement to foster robust academic R&D and workforce development in this vitally important high technology area.

DATES: Written comments and information are requested on or before June 18, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may submit comments only by email. Comments must be addressed to AcademicAcceleratorScienceRFI@science.doe.gov, with the subject line "Academic Accelerator Science RFI Comments".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Bruce P. Strauss, (301) 903-3705, AcademicAcceleratorScienceRFI@science.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Challenge

Accelerators play a key role in the discovery sciences, including High Energy Physics, Nuclear Physics, and Basic Energy Sciences. Modern discovery science accelerators are high technology instruments of remarkable complexity, having advanced over eight orders of magnitude in energy since their invention. Aggressive reinvention of the underlying technology has driven improvements in this science, and has required sustained investment in accelerator science R&D that advances the methods, materials, and understanding of accelerator science.

Accelerator Science is an interdisciplinary field that encompasses the design and improvement of particle accelerators, the development of new methods of charged particle production and manipulation, and the development of unique supporting technologies needed for accelerators. Significant career specialization has evolved as the demand for ever greater performance has required reaching deep into mathematics, computation, materials science, plasma science, radio frequency technology, superconducting materials, laser engineering, and a variety of other disciplines. The accelerator science workforce must be capable of spanning both the breadth and depth of the subject matter needed to build discovery science accelerators. It must also possess the range of skills and proficiency levels needed to support operating accelerators for science, medicine, industry, security, defense, and energy & environmental applications.

National laboratories, academia, and industry each play vital, mutually reinforcing roles in the success of the accelerator-based discovery sciences, and in providing the scientific and technological advances necessary to sustain U.S. leadership in this area.