

Transmittal No. 03-16

**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 AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) is a supersonic, air launched, aerial intercept, guided missile featuring digital technology and micro-miniature solid-state electronics. The missile employs active radar target tracking, proportional navigation guidance, and active Radio Frequency target detection. It can be launched day or night, in any weather and increases pilot survivability by allowing the pilot to disengage after missile launch and engage other targets. AMRAAM capabilities include lookdown/shootdown, multiple launches against multiple targets, resistance to Electronic Countermeasures, and interception of high- and low-flying and maneuvering targets. Information on the AIM-120 missile ranges from Unclassified to Secret.

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 Canada can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed 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**Office of the Secretary****Notice of Intent to Prepare a
Programmatic Environmental Impact
Statement for Defense Threat
Reduction Agency Activities at White
Sands Missile Range, NM**

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321-4370, as implemented by the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) announces intent to prepare a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) in support of activities at White Sands Missile Range (WSMR),

New Mexico. As a major cooperating agency, WSMR will participate in the preparation of the PEIS. Future development of DTRA's testing facilities and program, and its scope require an PEIS to adequately address potential environmental impacts.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be forwarded to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, ATTN: DTRA/TDTS, 1680 Texas St., SE., Kirtland AFB, NM 87117-5669. Emails may be forwarded to Thomas.Vanalstyne@ao.dtra.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LTC Thomas Van Alstyne, EN, Environmental Engineer, DTRA at (505) 846-6612 or email Thomas.Vanalstyne@Qao.dtra.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: White Sands Missile Range covers approximately 8,288 km² (3,200 mi²) of south-central New Mexico. Proposed DTRA activities at WSMR have the potential to significantly impact certain natural, social, cultural, and economic resources in the region. The study area for environmental analyses will include the Hard Target Defeat Test bed (HTDT), Permanent High Explosive Test Site

(PHETS), Seismic Hardrock In Situ Test site (SHIST), Alternate SHIST, and Large Blast/Thermal Simulator (LBTS). The objective will be to provide a thorough, comprehensive and PEIS that will serve as a planning and decision-making tool, a public information source, and a reference for mitigation tracking concerning DTRA future activities.

Alternatives may consist of alternative locations or modifications of specific activities. These alternatives will be developed during preparation of the Draft PEIS as a result of environmental analyses of the activities and public input.

Significant Issues: Certain biologically diverse areas on White Sands Missile Range utilized by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency serve as habitat or potential habitat for protected floral and faunal (plant and animal) species. To date, several locations in the areas to be studied have been identified as important cultural resources. The most significant are Ground Zero and McDonald Ranch House, part of Trinity Site National Historic Landmark,

located within the Permanent High Explosive Test Site boundaries.

Significant issues that will be addressed in the Draft PEIS include:

1. The continued operation and maintenance of various test structures used as targets for weapon system evaluations.
2. Construction of new test structures, enlargement of existing test beds, and possible development of new test beds.
3. Testing, operations and maintenance activities at tunnel targets in the Capitol Canyon area (HTDT).
4. The use of chemical and biological simulants in collateral damage tests.
5. Planned improvements to the DTRA Administrative Park within the PHETS boundaries. Public scoping meeting will be held in the vicinity of WSMR, New Mexico, to facilitate input to the PEIS. The schedule and location for these meetings will be announced in the news media and the **Federal Register**.

For those that cannot attend the public scoping meetings, written comments via mail or email are encouraged. Comments should clearly identify and describe the specific issue(s) or topics that the PEIS should address.

To be considered in the Draft PEIS, comments and suggestions should be received no later than 30 days following the public scoping meeting.

Dated: May 12, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Intelligence Agency Advisory Board Closed Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Advisory Board has been scheduled as follows:

DATES: May 21-22, 2003 (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

ADDRESSES: The Defense Intelligence Agency, 200 MacDill Blvd., Washington, DC 20340.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Lawrence R. Carnegie, Program

Manager/Executive Secretary, DIA Advisory Board, Washington, DC, 20340-1328 (703) 697-7898.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in section 552b(c)(1), title 5 of the U.S. Code, and therefore will be closed to the public. The Board will receive briefings and discuss several current critical intelligence issued in order to advise the Director, DIA.

Dated: May 9, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

National Security Education Board Meeting

AGENCY: National Defense University.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the National Security Education Board. The purpose of the meeting is to review and make recommendations to the Secretary concerning requirements established by the David L. Boren National Security Education Act, Title VIII of Public Law 102-183, as amended.

DATES: May 20, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The Crystal City Marriott Hotel, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Edmond J. Collier, Deputy Director, National Security Education Program, 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1210, Rosslyn, Virginia 22209-2248; (703) 696-1991. Electronic mail address: *colliere@ndu.edu*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board meeting is open to the public.

Dated: May 9, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting date changes.

SUMMARY: On Wednesday, March 26, 2003 (68 FR 14598), the Department of Defense announced closed meetings of the Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Enduring Freedom Lessons Learned. The meetings originally planned for May 14-27, 2003, have been rescheduled for May 14-16, 2003. The meetings will take place at the U.S. Strategic Command, Colorado Springs, CO, and the Pentagon, Washington, DC.

Dated: May 9, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Enduring Freedom Lessons Learned will meet in closed session June 15-28, 2003, at the US Central Command Area of Responsibility (Theater). This Task Force will review current activities of Operation Enduring Freedom to determine both near and longer-term technical and operational considerations that could be used to improve this operation and future campaigns initiated in the War Against Terrorism.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will review and evaluate operational policy and procedures, command and control, intelligence, combat support activities, weapon system performance, and science and technology requirements.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), and that, accordingly, the meetings will be closed to the public.