

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Israel – Planning, Design, and Construction Services

The Government of Israel has requested a possible purchase of defense services for the continued construction of two infantry training bases and a storage and logistics base for a reserve-armored division. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will provide planning, design, acquisition, construction administration, and management services for this program. The estimated cost is \$350 million.

The construction of the proposed bases is part of United States assistance to Israel in support of the Wye River Memorandum, a Middle East Peace agreement signed on October 23, 1998 (hereafter referred to as the "Wye River Accords").

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

The implementation of the Wye River Accords necessitates that certain Israeli Defense Forces' military facilities, along with their respective units, be relocated from occupied territory in the West Bank. By providing military facilities in Israel, the proposed sale of defense construction services will assist Israel in relocating these military units. As the proposed sale will provide only facilities for relocating military units, it should have no adverse impact on the regional military balance.

The proposed sale partially implements United States commitments made to Israel in connection with the Wye River Accords.

The prime contractors for these additional facilities will be selected under a separate solicitation. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of 25 U.S. Government representatives to Israel for six years. There will be technical specialists on temporary basis to participate in training, program management and technical review.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee location change.

SUMMARY: On Wednesday, July 14, 2004 (69 FR 42135) the Department of Defense announced closed meetings, of the Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Critical Homeland Infrastructure Protection. The location of the October 4–5, 2004 meetings has been changed from SAIC, 4001 N.

Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA, 22201, to Altria Corp. Services, 120 Park Avenue, NY, 10017.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on High Performance Microchip Supply will meet in closed session on September 21–22, 2004, at Strategic Analysis Inc., 3601 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA. The Task Force will assess the implications of the movement of manufacturing capability and design of high performance microchips and will address the Department of Defense's (DoD) ability to obtain radiation hardened microchips, the ability to produce limited quantities of special purpose microchips in a timely and secure manner, and the ability to produce microchips in a timely manner to meet emerging needs.

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