

Policy Justification*Australia—GBU-39 (Small Diameter Bomb Increment I)*

The Government of Australia has requested a possible sale of:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):
Up to 2,950 GBU-39/B Small Diameter Bomb I (SDB I)

Up to 50 Guided Test Vehicles (GTV) with GBU-39 (T-1)/B (Inert Fuze)

This request also includes the following Non-MDE: containers, weapons system support equipment, support and test equipment, site survey, transportation, repair and return warranties, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, maintenance, personnel training, and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor representative engineering, logistics, and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics support.

The total estimated value of MDE is \$172 million. The total overall estimated value is \$386 million.

Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region. This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a major contributor to political stability, security, and economic development in the Pacific region and globally.

The sale of SDB I supports and complements the on-going sale of the F-35 to the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). This capability will strengthen combined operations and increase interoperability between the U.S. Air Force and the RAAF. Australia will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor for production is Boeing in St. Louis, Missouri. The principal contractor for integration is unknown and will be determined during contract negotiations. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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

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

Transmittal No. 16-23

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. Sensitive and/or classified (up to SECRET) elements of the proposed acquisition include hardware, accessories, components, and associated software: GBU-39/B Small Diameter Bomb Increment I (SDB I). Additional sensitive areas include operating manuals and maintenance technical orders containing performance information, operating and test procedures, and other information related to the support operations and repair. The hardware, software, and data identified are classified to protect vulnerabilities, design and performance parameters, and other similar critical information.

2. The GBU-39/B Small Diameter Bomb Increment I (SDB I) is a 250-pound class weapon designed as a small, all-weather, autonomous, conventional, air-to-ground, precision glide weapon able to strike fixed and stationary re-locatable targets from standoff range. The SDB I weapon system consists of the weapons, the BRU-61/A (4-place pneumatic carriage system), shipping and handling containers for a single weapon and the BRU-61/A either empty or loaded, and a weapon planning module. It has integrated diamond-back type wings that deploy after releases, which increases the glide time and therefore maximum range. The SDB I Anti-Jam Global Positioning System aided Inertial Navigation System (AJGPS/INS) provides guidance to the coordinates of a stationary target. The payload/warhead is a very effective multipurpose penetrating and blast fragmentation warhead coupled with a cockpit selectable electronic fuze. Its size and accuracy allow for an effective munition with less collateral damage. A proximity sensor provides height of burst capability.

3. A determination has been made that the recipient country can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology associated with this system 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.

4. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been

authorized for release and export to the Government of Australia.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID: DOD-2016-OS-0038]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the DFAS announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 13, 2016.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* ODCMO, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Attn: Mailbox 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title 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.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting

comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service; Chief of Financial Operations; Retired and Annuitant Pay External Communications Division; ATTN: Chuck Moss, Cleveland, OH 44199–2001, or call at (216) 204–4426.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Certificate of Existence Series; “Certificate of Existence,” DFAS Form 1800/97; “Certificate of Existence Non-Receipt Notice,” DFAS Form 1800/98; “Certificate of Existence Suspension Notice,” DFAS Form 1800/99; OMB Control Number 0730–XXXX.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to verify continued eligibility for benefits of a retiree receiving hard copy checks in a foreign country. DFAS Form 1800/98 is used as a second notice, and subsequently, DFAS Form 1800/99 is used as a third notice and payment suspended if not completed and returned.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 75.

Number of Respondents: 150.

Responses per Respondent: 2.

Annual Responses: 300.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: Bi-annually.

Respondents are retirees living in a foreign country who receive a hard copy check mailed to them. Payments are suspended if the DFAS Form 1800–99 is not returned.

Dated: April 8, 2016.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD–2016–OS–0039]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the

DFAS announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof.

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 of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 13, 2016.

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Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Office of Financial Operations, Retired and Annuitant Pay, External Communications Division, ATTN: Chuck Moss, Cleveland, OH 44199–2001, or call at (216) 204–4426.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Report of Existence Series; “Report of Existence,” DFAS Form 1800–100; “Report of Existence Non-Receipt Notice,” DFAS Form 1800–101;

and “Report of Existence Suspension Notice,” DFAS Form 1800–102; OMB Control Number 0730–XXXX.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary for a trustee, guardian, or conservator of a military retiree to verify eligibility of benefits. The DFAS 1800–101 is used as a second notice, and subsequently, DFAS 1800–102 is used as a third notice and suspension of benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 650.

Number of Respondents: 1300.

Responses per Respondent: 2.

Annual Responses: 2600.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: Bi-annually.

Respondents are trustees, guardians, or conservators of military retiree to verify eligibility of benefits. Payments are suspended if the DFAS Form 1800–102 is not returned.

Dated: April 8, 2016.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) announces a proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 13, 2016.