

the NOAA 5-Year Research Plan include expanded discussion of critical research tools as well as the transition of research to application, a recognition of the value of transformational research, and a new chapter on technology and mission support. The draft NOAA 5-Year Research Plan also provides clear linkages between its research milestones and the NOAA Strategic Plan.

NOAA welcomes all comments on the content of the draft NOAA 5-Year Research Plan. We also request comments on any inconsistencies perceived within the document and possible omissions of important topics or issues. For any shortcoming noted within the draft document, please propose specific remedies.

Please follow these instructions for preparing and submitting comments. Using the format guidance described below will facilitate the processing of reviewer comments and assure that all comments are appropriately considered.

Overview comments should be provided first. Comments that are specific to particular pages, paragraphs, or lines of the section should follow any overview comments and should identify the page numbers to which they apply. Please number each page of your comments.

Dated: June 13, 2007.

Terry Bevels,

Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 07-26]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

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 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/DBO/ADM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 07-26 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: June 11, 2007.

C.R. Choate,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

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In reply refer to:
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6501

Dear Madam 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. 07-26, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Japan for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$475 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a press statement to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,


JEFFREY B. KOHLER
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USAF
DIRECTOR

Enclosures:

1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification
3. Sensitivity of Technology

Transmittal No. 07-26

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: Japan
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:
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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$384 million |
| Other | \$ <u>91 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$475 million |
- (iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: nine SM-3 Block IA STANDARD missiles with MK 21 Mod 2 canisters, Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) upgrades to one AEGIS Weapon System, AEGIS BMD Vertical Launch System ORDALTs, containers; spare and repair parts; supply support; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) Military Department: Navy (LWA)
- (v) Prior Related Cases, if any:
FMS case LUH - \$309M - 27Jul04
FMS case LUX - \$440M - 27Sep05
FMS case LVK - \$440M - 27Jul06
- (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: JUN 0 8 2007

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Japan - SM-3 Block IA STANDARD Missiles

The Government of Japan has requested a possible sale for nine SM-3 Block IA STANDARD missiles with MK 21 Mod 2 canisters, Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) upgrades to one AEGIS Weapon System, AEGIS BMD Vertical Launch System ORDAITs, containers, spare and repair parts, publications, documentation, supply support, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$475 million.

Japan is one of the major political and economic powers in East Asia and the Western Pacific and a key ally of the United States in ensuring the peace and stability of this region. The U.S. Government shares bases and facilities in Japan. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist Japan to develop and maintain a strong and ready self-defense capability, which will contribute to an acceptable military balance in the area. This proposed sale is consistent with these U.S. objectives and with the 1960 Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

Japan's agreement to provide fuel/logistics to U.S. and allied ships supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and its deployment of an AEGIS destroyer to the Indian Ocean have focused new obligations on the Japan Self Defense Forces (JSDF). The Japan Maritime Self Defense Forces (JMSDF) has four AEGIS destroyers operating with SM-2 missiles at sea; the fifth commissioned 15 March 2007, and a sixth is under construction. Although comparable weapons are not currently deployed in Northeast Asia, the proposed sale of SM-3 missiles and BMD upgrades to the AEGIS Weapon System will not significantly alter the existing military balance in the region as the proposed sale enhances only defensive capabilities. The JMSDF is fully capable of integrating the modified AEGIS Weapon System and SM-3 Block IA into its operational forces and will receive data sufficient to maintain and support the systems.

The AEGIS Weapon System and Standard missiles will be used on JMSDF ships and will provide, in concert with JSDF PAC-3 Patriot missiles, the initial ballistic missile defense for mainland Japan. Japan already has the upgraded AEGIS Weapon System and SM-3 Block IA Standard missiles in its inventory and will have no difficulty absorbing the additional upgraded Weapon System and missiles.

The principal contractors will be:

Lockheed-Martin Maritime System and Sensors	Moorestown, New Jersey
Raytheon Company, Equipment Division	Tucson, Arizona
BAE	Minneapolis, Minnesota

There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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

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

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Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act****Annex
Item No. vii****(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The SM-3 Block IA Standard missile hardware includes the Propulsion Train (MK-72 Booster and Steering Control Section), the Third Stage Rocket Motor, Guidance Section, and Kinetic Warhead. The Propulsion Train and Third Stage Rocket Motor are classified Confidential. The Guidance Section and the Kinetic Warhead are classified Secret. Certain operating frequencies and performance characteristics are classified Secret. Confidential documentation to be provided includes: parametric documents, general performance data, firing guidance, dynamics information, and some flight analysis procedures.

2. Upgrades to the Vertical Launching System (VLS) Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) Integrator (VGI) include initialization data enhancements to the fiber optic distribution system connecting the VGI to the missile to support tactical requirements. VGI enhancements will be accomplished through commercial off-the-shelf products and are considered Unclassified. The software associated with these enhancements is classified Confidential.

3. Further enhancements include upgrades to the Launch Control Computer Program (LCCP), Launch Control Unit computer programs, and Launch Sequencer computer programs to control training, warfare, decryption and digital data processing. The LCCP is classified Confidential.

4. The Aegis Weapon System hardware upgrades include modifications to the current SPY-1D and Command and Decision configurations. Modifications to the SPY-1D configuration include upgraded signal processor cards and providing a Mission Planner Laptop and System Calibration Using Satellites Laptop. While the hardware is Unclassified, the computer programs that run on these systems are classified Secret. Command and Decision modifications include providing a TAC-3600 adjunct computer and circuit card assemblies to provide an additional internal network path. While the hardware is Unclassified, the computer programs running on

the system are classified Secret. Interoperability enhancements include additional capability of secure communications and cueing via upgrading to a Common Data Link Management System. This will upgrade the Common Shipboard Data Terminal Set and the Command and Control Processor. Satellite TADIL-J functionality will additionally be incorporated. These interoperability systems are classified Secret.

5. The AEGIS documentation in general is Unclassified; however, some operational and maintenance manuals are classified Confidential and one AEGIS maintenance manual supplement is classified Secret. The manuals and technical documents are limited to that necessary for operational organizational maintenance.

6. 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

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Outdoor Research, Development, Testing & Evaluation Activities at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Site, King George County, VA and To Announce Public Scoping Meetings

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section (102)(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and the regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy (Navy) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental consequences of expanding Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Site's (NSWCDL) research, development, test and evaluation (RDT&E) activities taking place outdoors on the Potomac River Test Range Complex, the Explosives Experimental Area, and Mission Areas. RDT&E activities are conducted in support of NSWCDL's mission requirements in surface warfare, surface ship combat systems, strategic systems, ordnance, and special warfare systems. These activities include outdoor operations that require the use of ordnance, lasers, electromagnetic fields,

and chemical and biological simulants (imitations).

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Public scoping meetings will be held in King George, Westmoreland, and Northumberland counties, Virginia, and Charles and St. Mary's counties, Maryland, to receive oral and written comments on environmental concerns that should be addressed in the EIS. The public scoping meetings will be held at the following dates, times, and locations:

1. July 23, 2007, 5 p.m.-7 p.m., Shiloh Baptist Church, 13457 Kings Highway, King George, VA.

2. July 24, 2007, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Christ Episcopal Church, 37497 Zach Fowler Road, Chaptico, MD.

3. July 25, 2007, 5 p.m.-7 p.m., LaPlata Volunteer Fire Department, 911 Washington Street, LaPlata, MD.

4. July 30, 2007, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Saint Mary's Episcopal Church, 203 Dennison Street, Colonial Beach, VA.

5. July 31, 2007, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Callao Rescue Squad Hall, 1348 Northumberland Highway, Callao, VA.

Anyone requiring special accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact Stacia Courtney, NSWCDL Public Affairs Office, by calling 540-653-8154 or by e-mailing stacia.courtney@navy.mil no later than three business days prior to the public meeting you wish to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Stacia Courtney, Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division, Corporate Communications Office (C6), 6509 Sampson Road, Suite 213, Dahlgren, VA 22448-5108; phone 540-653-8154; fax 540-653-4679; e-mail: stacia.courtney@navy.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Action Proponent, NSWCDL, currently conducts outdoor RDT&E activities on the Potomac River Test Range (PRTR) Complex, the Explosives Experimental Area (EEA), and adjoining Mission Areas. The environmental consequences of conducting these activities to date have been addressed on a test-by-test or program-by-program basis, which can lead to delays in carrying out RDT&E activities.

The Proposed Action is to expand NSWCDL's RDT&E capabilities within the PRTR, the EEA, and Mission Areas. The purpose is to enable NSWCDL to meet mission-related warfare and force protection requirements by providing RDT&E for ordnance, surface ship combat systems, force level warfare, and force protection operations. The need for the Proposed Action is to enable the Navy and other stakeholders to successfully meet current and future national and global defense challenges by developing a robust capability to carry out assigned RDT&E activities on NSWCDL's PRTR, EEA, and Mission Areas.

At this point in the planning process, NSWCDL foresees evaluating the impacts of three alternatives in the EIS. The No Action Alternative describes existing baseline RDT&E mission activities and includes documentation for such activities. The No Action Alternative addresses past and current mission activities within NSWCDL's PRTR, EEA and Mission Areas. Alternative 1 includes existing baseline mission activities, as well as future RDT&E mission activities to satisfy known workload requirements over approximately the next seven years. Alternative 1 provides for an increase in