

information collection should be sent to TRICARE Management Activity—Aurora, Appeals, Hearings and Claims Collection Division, 16401 E. Centretch Pkwy., Attn: Donald F. Wagner, Aurora, CO 80011–9066.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection, please write to the above address or call TRICARE Management Activity, Appeals, Hearings and Claims Collection Division at (303) 676–3411.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Professional Qualifications Medical/Peer Reviewers, CHAMPUS Form 780, OMB Number 0720–0005.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain and record the professional qualifications of medical and peer reviewers utilized within CHAMPUS. The form is included as an exhibit in an appeal or hearing case file as evidence of the reviewer's professional qualifications to review the medical documentation contained in the case file.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 15.

Annual Number of Respondents: 60.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are medical professionals who provide medical and peer review of cases appealed to the Office of Appeals, Hearings and Claims Collection Division, TRICARE Management Activity. CHAMPUS Form 780 records the professional qualifications of the medical/peer reviewer. The completed form is included as an exhibit in the appeal or hearing case file, and documents for anyone reviewing the file, the professional qualifications of the medical professional who review the case. If the form is not included in the case file, individuals reviewing the file will not have ready access to the qualifications of the reviewing medical professional. Having qualified professionals provide medical and peer review is essential in maintaining the integrity of the appeal and hearing process.

Dated: September 22, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 03–36]

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/COMPT/RM, (703) 604–6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 03–36 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: September 17, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

In reply refer to:
I-03/010291

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of
Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 03-36, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to United Kingdom for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$143 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,


Richard J. Millies
Deputy Director

Attachments

Same ltr to: House Committee on International Relations
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
House Committee on Armed Services
Senate Committee on Armed Services
House Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Appropriations

Transmittal No. 03-36

**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:** United Kingdom
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 88 million |
| Other | \$ <u>55 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$143 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 105 conventionally armed TOMAHAWK BLOCK IV Land Attack Missiles (TLAM-E), containers, engineering support, test equipment, operational flight test support, communications equipment, technical assistance, personnel training/equipment, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Navy (AHJ)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:**
- FMS case AHE - \$39 million - 14Dec01
FMS case GXQ - \$71 million - 13Nov00
FMS case AHA - \$32 million - 26Aug99
FMS case AGS - \$140 million - 16Oct95
- (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:** 11 SEP 2003

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Kingdom - TOMAHAWK BLOCK IV Land Attack Missiles

The Government of United Kingdom has requested a possible sale of 105 conventionally armed TOMAHAWK BLOCK IV Land Attack Missiles (TLAM-E), containers, engineering support, test equipment, operational flight test support, communications equipment, technical assistance, personnel training/equipment, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$143 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the military capabilities of the United Kingdom and enhancing weapon system standardization and interoperability of this important NATO ally.

The United Kingdom needs these missiles to replenish missiles expended in support of coalition operations. The proposed sale will enhance the United Kingdom's ability to engage in coalition warfare along with the U.S. Navy. The United Kingdom, which already has TOMAHAWK missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.

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

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems of Tucson, Arizona. 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 United Kingdom.

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

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of the Arms Export Control Act**

**Annex
Item No. vii**

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The conventionally armed TOMAHAWK BLOCK IV Land Attack Missile (TLAM-E) consists of the following classified components:

a. The TLAM-E missile (Complete) – Missile components consisting of Guidance Set, Digital Scene Matching Area Correlator (DSMAC), Global Positioning System (GPS) when software is installed, Data Link when software/firmware is installed, Common Missile Radar Altimeter (CMRA), Operational Flight Software, DSMAC Flight Software, and GPS flight software.

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 United Kingdom 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**

**TRICARE (Formerly Known as the
Civilian Health and Medical Program of
the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS));
Fiscal Year 2004 Mental Health Rate
Updates**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of updated mental health per diem rates.

SUMMARY: This notice provides for the updating of hospital-specific per diem rates for high volume providers and regional per diem rates for low volume providers; the updated cap per diem for high volume providers; the beneficiary per diem cost-share amount for low volume providers for FY 2004 under the TRICARE Mental Health Per Diem Payment System; and the updated per diem rates for both full-day and half-day TRICARE Partial Hospitalization Programs for fiscal year 2004.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The fiscal year 2004 rates contained in this notice are effective for services occurring on or after October 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stan Regensberg, Office of Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Systems, TRICARE Management Activity, telephone (303) 676-3742.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The final rule published in the **Federal Register** on September 6, 1988, (53 FR 34285) set forth reimbursement changes that were effective for all inpatient hospital admission in psychiatric hospitals and exempt psychiatric units occurring on or after January 1, 1989. The final rule published in the **Federal Register** on July 1, 1993, (58 FR 35-400) set forth maximum per diem rates for all partial hospitalization admissions on or after September 29, 1993. Included in these final rules were provisions for updating reimbursement rates for each federal fiscal year. As stated in the final rules, each per diem shall be updated by the Medicare update factor for hospitals and units exempt from the Medicare Prospective Payment System. For fiscal

year 2004, Medicare has recommended a rate of increase of 3.4 percent for hospitals and units excluded from the prospective payment system. TRICARE will adopt this update factor for FY 2004 as the final update factor. Hospitals and units with hospital-specific rates (hospitals and units with high TRICARE volume) and regional specific rates for psychiatric hospitals and units with low TRICARE volume will have their TRICARE rates for FY 2003 updates by 3.4 percent for FY 2004. Partial hospitalization rates for full day and half day programs will also be updated by 3.4 percent for FY 2004. The cap amount for high volume hospitals and units will also be updated by the 3.4 percent for FY 2004. The beneficiary cost-share for low volume hospitals and units will also be updated by the 3.4 percent for FY 2004. Consistent with Medicare, the wage portion of the regional rate subject to the area wage adjustment is 71.56 percent for FY 2004.

The following reflect an update of 3.4 percent.