including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

#### Comments

A 60-day public comment Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on April 28, 2008. This comment period ended June 28, 2008. No public comments were received from this notice.

Description: The Corporation is seeking approval of the Application Instructions Training and Technical Assistance Cooperative Agreements. The application instructions will be used by potential applicants to apply for funding to provide training and technical assistance to Corporation grantees and subgrantees. Applications will be reviewed by the Corporation and providers selected through a rigorous review process.

The Application Instructions for Training and Technical Assistance Cooperative Agreements provides the submission and compliance requirements, application requirements and selection criteria of potential applicants interested in providing training and technical assistance to Corporation grantees and subgrantees. The instructions also provide the Corporation reporting requirements of successful applicants.

*Type of Review:* New Information Collection.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Application Instructions Training and Technical Assistance Cooperative Agreements.

OMB Number: 3045–0105. Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: First-time grantees or current grantees re-competing for funding

funding.

Total Respondents: 56.

Frequency: One (1) time.

Average Time per Response: 11.75 hours. Estimated at 16.5 hours for first-time respondents; 7 hours for current providers.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 658 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Dated: June 30, 2008.

#### Gretchen Van der Veer,

Director, Office of Leadership Development and Training.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

#### Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 08-54]

#### 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. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601–3740.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 08–54 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: July 2, 2008.

#### Patricia L. Toppings,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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## DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

JUN 2 6 2008 In reply refer to: USP004201-08

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.

08-54, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Pakistan for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$75 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,

Aichard J. Millies Deputy Director

#### **Enclosures:**

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

#### Same ltr to:

House S Committee on Foreign Affairs C

Committee on Armed Services Committee on Appropriations Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations Committee on Armed Services Committee on Appropriations

#### Transmittal No. 08-54

## 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: Pakistan
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment\* \$ 50 million
Other \$ 25 million
TOTAL \$ 75 million

- (iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under
  Consideration for Purchase: 21 AN/ALQ-211(V)9 Advanced Integrated
  Defensive Electronic Warfare Suite (AIDEWS) Pods, software support,
  repair and return, spare and repair parts, support equipment, technical
  assistance, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government
  and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related
  elements of program support.
- (iv) Military Department: Air Force (NAP, Amd #1)
- (v) Prior Related Cases, if any: FMS Case NAP-\$891M-27Oct06
- (vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: none
- (vii) <u>Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:</u> See Annex attached.
- (viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: JUN 2 6 2008

<sup>\*</sup> as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

## **POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

## Pakistan - AN/ALQ-211(V)9 AIDEWS Pods

The Government of Pakistan has requested a possible sale of 21 AN/ALQ-211(V)9 Advanced Integrated Defensive Electronic Warfare Suite (AIDEWS) Pods, software support, repair and return, spare and repair parts, support equipment, technical assistance, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$75 million.

Given its geo-strategic location and partnership in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT), Pakistan is a vital ally of the United States, as reflected in the June 2004 designation of Pakistan as a Major Non-North Atlantic Treaty Organization Ally. This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping an ally meet its legitimate defense requirements.

Pakistan intends to purchase the AIDEWS pods to enhance its existing F-16 fighter aircraft. This proposed sale will ensure Pakistan's existing fleet is compatible with the new F-16 Block 50/52 aircraft.

Consistent with U.S. conventional arms transfer policy and arms control initiatives, this potential sale will allow the Pakistani Air Force to modernize its fighter inventory, thereby enabling Pakistan to support both its own air defense needs and coalition operations.

Release of the AIDEWS equipment to Pakistan will neither affect the regional balance of power nor introduce a new technology as this level of capability or higher already exists in other countries in the region.

The principal contractor will be ITT Corporation of Clifton, New Jersey. There are no known offset agreements in connection with this proposed sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple trips to Pakistan involving U.S. Government and contractor representatives for technical reviews, support, and program management over a period of up to 15 years.

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

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### Annex Item No. vii

## (vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

- 1. The AN/ALQ-211(V)9 is the external "pod" variant of the Advanced Integrated Defensive Electronic Warfare Suite (AIDEWS) and it provides passive radar warning, wide spectrum radio frequency jamming. The pod variant has identical components contained in the internal AIDEWS. The pod classification is also the same as the internal AIDEWS system. The system software and hardware are Confidential, but the system is classified Secret when loaded with a US-derived electronic warfare database. There is no functional difference between the external pod and the internal AIDEWS system.
- 2. Additional sensitive items include Classified and Unclassified operating manuals and maintenance technical orders containing performance information, operating and test procedures, and other information related to support operations and repair. The hardware, software, and data identified are classified to protect vulnerabilities, design and performance parameters, and other similar critical information.
- 3. Also, as with the internal system, In-Country-Reprogramming (ICR) is not released. The USAF is programming the pod with the same functionality as contained in the internal AIDEWS system; therefore, the pod variant (V)9 will not have Digital Radio Frequency Memory functionality.
- 4. 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.