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(iv) Military Department: Navy (LYJ) (v) Prior Related Cases, if any:

FMS case LSU-\$521M-22Jul02 FMS case LTS-\$417M-14Aug03 (vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None * as defined in Section 47(6) of the

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

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: 10 Dec 2012

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Japan—AEGIS WEAPON SYSTEM UPGRADE

The Government of Japan has requested a possible sale for the upgrade of previously provided AEGIS Combat Systems as part of the modernization of two ATAGO Class Ships (DDG-177 ATAGO and DDG-178 ASHIGARA) with Integrated Air Missile Defense capability. The modifications/ replacements consist of the following components: J6 AEGIS Weapon System Computer Program, 2 Multi-Mission Signal Processors for existing AN/SPY-1D(V) radar, 2 Common Processor Systems, 2 ship sets Common Display Systems (44 OJ-827(V)1 Tri Screen Display Consoles, 8 Display Processor Cabinets, 2 Video Wall Screen and Projector Systems, 46 Flat Panel Displays, and 2 Distributed Video Systems), 2 ship sets AN/SPQ-15 Digital Video Distribution Systems, 2 ship sets Operational Readiness Test Systems hosted in AEGIS Weapon Systems computing infrastructure, Ballistic Missile Defense (Mission Planner Blade server processors hosted in CPS, and 2 Kill Assessment Systems/

Weapon Data Recording Cabinets), Vertical Launching System MK41 upgrade to Baseline 7 (24 Motor Control Panels MK 448 Mod 1, 48 Programmable Power4 Supplies MK 179 Mod 0, and 24 Launch Sequencers MK 5 Mod 1, 4 Fiber Optic Distribution Boxes, and 24 Single Module Junction Boxes), 4 Launch Control Units MK 235 Mod 7 with Global Positioning System Integrator, 2 ship sets Gun Weapon Systems MK 34, and 2 ship sets MK 20 Electro-Optical Sensor Systems. Also included: Software updates, ordnance alterations and engineering changes, spare and repair parts, support equipment, tools and test equipment, technical data and publications, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$421 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. This proposed sale is consistent with U.S. objectives and with the 1960 Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

The proposed sale of AEGIS components to Japan will contribute to U.S. security objectives by providing a significantly improved Air Warfare capability. This sale will enhance Japan's Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) capabilities by modernizing and upgrading the AEGIS technology on its two Atago-class destroyers. The Government of Japan can easily integrate the capabilities of these upgraded AEGIS Weapon Systems into its concept of operations. Japan will have no difficulty absorbing these systems into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor will be Lockheed Martin MS2 in Mooretown, New Jersey. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple trips to Japan involving six U.S. Government and ten contractor representatives for technical reviews/support, programs management, and training over a period of three years.

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

Transmittal No. 12-68

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as Amended Annex

Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. AEGIS Weapon System (AWS) hardware is Unclassified. The software, documentation, combat system training, and technical services/documentation will be provided up to and including Secret. Access to the manuals and technical documents is limited to those for whom the manuals and documents are necessary for operational use and organizational maintenance. AWS Baseline 9 requires modernization of the installed AEGIS combat system hardware to include Common Display System, Common Processing System, and Multi-Mission Signal Processor and is Unclassified.

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.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID DOD-2012-OS-0168]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD), DoD Chief Information Officer (DoD CIO).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the DoD CIO announces a proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are visited 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 February 19, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number DOD—2012—OS—0168 and title: DoD CIO IASP Information Collection, by any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• Mail: Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350–3100.

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.

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 Office of the Chief Information Officer, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 11E08,

Title and OMB Number: Information Assurance Scholarship Program; OMB Control Number 0704–0486.

Alexandria, VA 22350-1900.

Needs and Uses: The National Security Agency (NSA) is the Executive Administrator of the DoD Information Assurance Scholarship Program (IASP), serving on behalf of DoD Chief Information Officer. Those who wish to participate in the DoD IASP Recruitment program must complete and submit an application package through their college or university to NSA. Centers of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance and Research (CAEs) interested in applying for capacity-building grants must complete and submit a written proposal, and all colleges and universities subsequently receiving grants must provide documentation on how the grant funding was utilized and the resulting accomplishments. Without this written documentation, the DoD has no means of judging the quality of applicants to the program or collecting information regarding program performance. In addition, the DoD IASP participants and

their faculty advisors (Principal Investigators) are asked to complete annual program assessment surveys. These surveys are collectively reviewed to assess the program's effectiveness from the perspective of the students and Principal Investigators. The survey information is used to improve the program in subsequent years.

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Affected Public: "Individuals or households," specifically college students at institutions designated as CAEs who are interested in, and qualify to apply for a scholarship; CAEs interested in submitting proposals for capacity-building grants, and faculty advisors (Principal Investigators).

Application Process

Annual Burden Hours: 1,926 hours. Number of Respondents: 337. Responses per Respondent: 1. Average Burden per Response: 5.715 ours.

Assessments

Annual Burden Hours: 37 hours. Number of Respondents: 147. Responses per Respondent: 1. Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: Annually.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents to the scholarship information collection are applicants who provide academic records and professional experience summaries to the NSA for the IASP scholar selection process. Respondents to the grants information collection are Principal Investigators at designated Centers of Academic Excellence (CAE) participating in the IASP who provide proposals for capacity building initiatives supporting the expansion of Information Assurance programs at the CAE and across the nation. The DoD IASP is designed to: Increase the number of new college graduate entrants to DoD who possess key cyber-security skill sets; serve as a tool to develop and retain well-educated military and civilian personnel who support the Department's cyberspace mission including cutting edge research and development; and serve as a mechanism to build the nation's cyber infrastructure through grants to colleges and universities designated as CAEs by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security. In addition, respondents to the annual program assessment survey provide feedback on the program, including suggestions for improvements and changes that can be incorporated to make the grants IASP information

collection process stronger and more efficient.

Dated: December 18, 2012.

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-2012-HA-0165]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section $3506(c)(\bar{2})(A)$ of the *Paperwork* Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces the extension of an existing 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 February 19, 2013.

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