

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Kingdom – Follow-On Support for Tomahawk Weapon System (TWS)

The United Kingdom has requested a possible sale of follow-on support for the Tomahawk Weapon System (TWS) to include missile modifications, maintenance, spare and repair parts, system and test equipment, engineering support, communications equipment, technical assistance, personnel training/equipment, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$122 million.

The United Kingdom requests these capabilities to provide for the defense of deployed troops, regional security, and interoperability with the United States. This program will increase the United Kingdom's ability to contribute to future NATO, coalition, and anti-terrorism operations. The United Kingdom is a major political and economic power in NATO and Europe and a critical ally of the United States. British troops are deployed in support of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, where U.S. assets currently employ these TWS capabilities.

The proposed sale of this support and equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region. The United Kingdom will have no difficulty absorbing this follow-on support into its armed forces.

The principal contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems, Tucson, Arizona. 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 U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the United Kingdom.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 08-28]

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 08-28 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: December 18, 2007.

L.M. Bynum,

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.*

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**DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY**

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

DEC 06 2007**In reply refer to:****I-07/014830-CFM**

**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. 08-28, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Saudi Arabia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$400 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Millies".

**Richard J. Millies
Deputy Director**

Enclosures:

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

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House

**Committee on Foreign Affairs
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations**

Senate

**Committee on Foreign Relations
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations**

Transmittal No. 08-28**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:** Saudi Arabia
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
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| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 90 million |
| Other | <u>\$310 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$400 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** five sets of Airborne Early Warning (AEW) and Command, Control and Communications (C³) mission equipment/Radar System Improvement Program (RSIP) Group B kits for subsequent installation and checkout in five E-3 Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS). In addition, this proposed sale will include spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, contractor engineering and technical support, and other related elements of program support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (YAF)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:** none
- (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:** DEC 06 2007

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Saudi Arabia – Mission Equipment for AWACS Aircraft

The Government of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible sale of five sets of Airborne Early Warning (AEW) and Command, Control and Communications (C³) mission equipment/Radar System Improvement Program (RSIP) Group B kits for subsequent installation and checkout in five E-3 Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS). In addition, this proposed sale will include spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, contractor engineering and technical support, and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$400 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale will enhance training opportunities; increase the RSAF's AWACS operational capability, sustainability, and interoperability with the USAF, Gulf Cooperation Council, and other coalition air forces. Saudi Arabia needs this additional mission equipment to continue its development of an extended Airborne Early Warning (AEW) capability, as well as enhanced command, control and communications (C³). Saudi Arabia will have no difficulty absorbing the upgraded AWACS radar capability into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Boeing Aerospace Company in Seattle, Washington. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of approximately four contractor representatives to Saudi Arabia to provide technical assistance to integrate the aircraft into the operational units. Also, this program will require U.S. government and contractor personnel to conduct annual, one-week Program Management Reviews in Saudi Arabia.

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

Transmittal No. 08-28

**Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act (U)**

**Annex
Item No. vii**

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Royal Saudi Air Force AWACS mission suite is Unclassified except as mentioned below. Sensitive elements include the radar, identification, data analysis group, navigation equipment, and communications equipment. Classified elements include U.S. Government provided secure communications equipment, mission system software, operations and maintenance publications, and training. These elements are classified up to and including Secret to protect vulnerabilities, design parameters, system related data, and similar critical information. The source code is sensitive, but will not be released to Saudi Arabia.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Notice of Intent To Grant Partially Exclusive Patent License; Elemental Wireless, LLC**

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Elemental Wireless, LLC., a revocable, nonassignable, partially exclusive license in the United States to practice the Government-Owned inventions described in U.S. Patent Numbers 5,528,612 entitled "Laser with Multiple Gain Elements", issue date June 18, 1996// U.S. Patent Number 5,530,711 entitled "Low threshold diode-pumped tunable dye laser", issue date June 25, 1996// U.S. Patent Number 5,541,946 entitled "Laser with multiple gain elements pumped by a single excitation source", issue date July 30, 1996// U.S. Patent Number 6,759,303

entitled "Complementary vertical bipolar junction transistors fabricated of silicon-on-sapphire utilizing wide base PNP transistors", issue date July 6, 2004.

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than January 10, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Office of Research and Technology Applications, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, Code 73120, 53560 Hull St., San Diego, CA 92152-5048.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen H. Lieberman, Ph.D., Head, Office of Research and Technology Applications, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, Code 73120, 53560 Hull St., San Diego, CA 92152-5048, telephone 619-553-2778, e-mail: stephen.lieberman@navy.mil.

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Dated: December 18, 2007.

T.M. Cruz,

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U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.031S]

Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of intent to fund down the fiscal year (FY) 2007 slate for the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Program.

SUMMARY: The Secretary intends to use the grant slate developed for the HSI Program authorized by Title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, in FY 2007 to make new Individual Development grant awards in FY 2008. The Secretary takes this action because a significant number of high-quality applications remain on last year's grant slate. The Administration