

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal Nos. 07–38]

**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 07–38 with attached transmittal, and policy justification.

Dated: August 8, 2007.

**C.R. Choate,***Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.***BILLING CODE 5001–06–M**



## DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

AUG 03 2007

**In reply refer to:  
I-07/008225-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. 07-38, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Bahrain for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$160 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 cursive script that reads "Richard J. Millies".

**Richard J. Millies  
Deputy Director**

**Enclosures:**

- 1. Transmittal**
- 2. Policy Justification**

**Same ltr to:**

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

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

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

- (i) (C) **Prospective Purchaser:** Bahrain
- (ii) (C) **Total Estimated Value:**
- |                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 0 million         |
| Other                    | <u>\$160 million</u> |
| TOTAL                    | \$160 million        |
- (iii) (C) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** six Bell 412 Air Search and Recovery Helicopters configured with PT6T-9 engines and electronic engine control, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government (USG) support, and contractor representatives' engineering and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) (C) **Military Department:** Army (WAA)
- (v) (C) **Prior Related Cases, if any:** none
- (vi) (C) **Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:** none
- (vii) (C) **Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:** None
- (viii) (C) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** AUG 03 2007

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

## POLICY JUSTIFICATION

### Bahrain – Bell 412 Air Search and Recovery Helicopters

The Government of Bahrain has requested a possible sale of six Bell 412 Air Search and Recovery Helicopters configured with PT6T-9 engines and electronic engine control, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government (USG) support, and contractor representatives' engineering and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$160 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 that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

Bahrain plans to increase its air mobility capabilities and continue its force modernization program. These defense enhancements promote continued interoperability with U.S. forces, assist in the cooperative defense of neighboring states, and increase Bahrain's capability as a partner in the Global War on Terror.

The helicopters will be used for various military operations to include the protection of sovereign borders as well as the protection and defense of U.S. and coalition strategic facilities. The proposed sale of Bell helicopters will greatly enhance Bahrain's military functionality by increasing deterrence capabilities.

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

The principal contractors will be: Bell Textron of Fort Worth, Texas and Bell Textron of Canada. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of one Contractor Field Service representative to Bahrain for one year to assist in the delivery and deployment of the helicopters.

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