

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Saudi Arabia – Continued Modernization of the Saudi Arabian National Guard

The Government of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible sale of services for the continuation of the U.S. supported effort to modernize the Saudi Arabian National Guard (SANG) by providing minor defense articles including spare and repair parts for V150 armored vehicles, light armored vehicles, artillery pieces, communications equipment, other military equipment, medical equipment and medicines, automation equipment and software for logistics, training, and management, translated (into Arabic) tactical and technical manuals. Defense services transferred would include training, professional military advice and assistance, management assistance, contract administration, construction oversight, transportation of equipment, upper echelon maintenance, management of repair and return of components. These support services would be for the period 1 January 2004 through 31 December 2008. This proposed sale does not entail the procurement of Major Defense Equipment. The estimated cost is \$990 million.

This 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.

The continuation of services under the SANG Modernization Program is an evolution of the SANG as an effective defensive force with the advice, assistance and training of the U.S. Army. The Modernization Program ensures necessary training, logistics, support, doctrine development and force integration for the continuing expansion and use of their weapon systems. These services will remain the cornerstone of an effort to upgrade and enhance the infrastructure of the SANG organization.

This proposed sale of continuing support services will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor is the Vinnell Arabia Corporation of Fairfax, Virginia. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

At present, there are approximately 273 U.S. Government personnel and 1,171 contractor representatives in country supporting the SANG modernization program.

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

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Nuclear Weapons Effects Test, Evaluation and Simulation will meet in closed session on January 28-29, 2004, at SAIC, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA. The Task Force will review DoD needs and specific requirements for nuclear weapons

effects (NWE) test, evaluation and simulation capabilities.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Defense Science Board Task Force will: Review Intelligence Community, DoD and National Nuclear

Security Agency estimates of present and future nuclear weapon outputs for all weapons that are used to define the operational threat; review nuclear threat environments as used across DoD Services and Agencies and assess whether they are being defined and applied to develop credible consistent hardness requirements; assess the current NWE predictive capability to confidently predict the response of nuclear and conventional weapon systems and C4 systems to credible nuclear environments that might be encountered over the next 15 years; assess the extent to which alternatives to testing can be used to offset the need for simulation capability; identify both near-term and far-term NWE test and simulation needs responsive to DoD requirements for nuclear systems, strategic and conventional weapon systems belonging to the new Triad as defined in the Nuclear Posture Review, missile defense systems, and C4I systems required to operate in hostile nuclear environments; assess the current NWE simulation and system survivability evaluation capabilities of the DoD, the Department of Energy, and the commercial sector; produce a comprehensive roadmap of NWE test, evaluation and simulation capabilities that will guide future simulator/simulation technology developments, test planning, investment decisions, model development, facility sustainment planning and responsibilities, and realignment/closure alternatives.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that this Defense Science Board Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Patriot Systems Performance will meet in closed session

on March 3-4, 2004; and May 25-26, 2004, at SAIC, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA. The Task Force will assess the recent performance of the Patriot System in OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM from deployment through use across the threat spectrum. The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At the meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will: Assess logistical, doctrine, training, personnel management, operational and material performance; identify those lessons learned which are applicable to the development of the Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS); and assess the current planned spiral development of the Patriot to ensure early incorporation of fixes discovered in the lessons learned process.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meetings will be closed to the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS)

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a), Public Law 92-463, as amended, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS). The purpose of the Committee meeting is to discuss Deployment, Health Care, OPTEMPO, and Retention. The meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space.

DATES: February 4, 2004, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.; February 5, 2004, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; February 6, 2004, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Doubletree Hotel Crystal City National Airport, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MSgt Gerald Posey, USAF, DACOWITS, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Room 2C548A, Washington, DC 20301-4000. Telephone (703) 697-2122 or Fax (703) 614-6233.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Committee and make an oral presentation of such. Persons desiring to make an oral presentation or submit a written statement to the Committee must notify the point of contact listed above no later than 5 p.m., January 30, 2004. Oral presentations by members of the public will be permitted only on Thursday, February 5, 2004, from 5:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. before the full Committee. Presentations will be limited to two minutes. Number of oral presentations to be made will depend on the number of requests received from members of the public. Each person desiring to make an oral presentation must provide the point of contact listed above with one (1) copy of the presentation by 5 p.m., January 30, 2004, and bring 35 copies of any material that is intended for distribution at the meeting. Persons submitting a written statement must submit 35 copies of the statement to the DACOWITS staff by 5 p.m. on January 30, 2004.

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 4, 2004, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Welcome & administrative remarks; deployment and OPTEMPO briefings; Welcome new members.

Thursday, February 5, 2004, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Service retention reports and surveys; Public forum (5:15-5:30).

Friday, February 6, 2004, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Wrap up retention and deployment; Health care; annual threat briefing; committee time-Focus group protocols with contractor.

Note: Exact order may vary.

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