

information on the back of the helmet's visor, enabling the pilot to monitor this information without interrupting his field of view through the cockpit canopy, the system uses a magnetic transmitter unit fixed to the pilot's seat and a magnetic field probe mounted on the helmet to define helmet pointing positioning. A Helmet Vehicle Interface (HVI) interacts with the aircraft system bus to provide signal generation for the helmet display. This provides significant improvement for close combat targeting and engagement. Hardware is Unclassified; technical data and documents are classified up to Secret.

h. The AN/PVS-9 Night Vision Goggles provide imagery sufficient for an aviator to complete night time missions down to starlight and extreme low light conditions. The AN/PVS-9 is designed to satisfy the F/A-18 mission requirements for covert night combat, engagement, and support. The third generation light amplification tubes provide a high-performance, image-intensification system for optimized F/A-18 night flying at terrain-masking altitudes. The AN/PVS-9 night vision goggles are classified as Unclassified but with restrictions on release of technologies.

i. The Multifunctional Informational Distribution System (MIDS) Low Volume Terminal (LVT) is classified Confidential. The MIDS LVT is a secure data and voice communication network using the Link-16 architecture. The system provides enhanced situational awareness, positive identification of participants within the network, secure fighter-to-fighter connectivity, secure voice capability, and ARN-118 TACAN functionality. It provides three major functions: Air Control, Wide Area Surveillance, and Fighter-to-Fighter. The MIDS LVT can be used to transfer data in Air-to-Air, Air-to-Surface, and Air-to-Ground scenarios. The MIDS enhanced Interference Blanking Unit (EIBU) provides validation and verification of equipment and concept. EIBU enhances input/output signal capacity of the MIDS LVT and addresses parts obsolescence.

j. The AN/ALE-55 Fiber-Optic towed Decoy improves aircraft survivability by providing an enhanced, coordinated onboard/off-board countermeasure response to enemy threats.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware or software in this proposed sale, 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 advance capabilities.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

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**Notice of Availability of the Ballistic
Missile Defense System Final
Programmatic Environmental Impact
Statement**

AGENCY: Missile Defense Agency,
Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the Missile Defense Agency's (MDA) Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), which analyzes the potential impacts to the environment of MDA's proposal to develop, test, deploy, and plan for decommissioning an integrated BMDS. The PEIS addresses the integrated BMDS and the development and application of new technologies; evaluates the range of complex programs, architecture, and assets that comprise the BMDS; and

provides a framework for future environmental analyses as activities evolve and mature.

DATES: A Record of Decision will be issued no earlier than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Copies of the Final PEIS have been distributed to Federal, State, local agencies, and public officials that previously requested copies of the PEIS. Copies of the Final PEIS will be available at the following public libraries:

- Anchorage Municipal Library, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, AK 99503.
- Mountain View Branch Library, 150 S. Street, Anchorage, AK 99508.
- California State Library, Library and Courts Building, 914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814.
- Sacramento Public Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.
- Hawaii State Library, Hawaii Documents Center, 478 South King Street, Honolulu, HI 96813.
- University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hamilton Library, 2550 The Mall, Honolulu, HI 96822.
- Arlington County Public Library, Central Branch, 1015 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22201.
- District of Columbia Public Library, Central Branch—Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20001.

Requests for electronic copies of the Final BMDS PEIS should be directed to MDA BMDS PEIS, c/o ICF International, 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031; Phone (Toll-Free) 1-877-MDA-PEIS (1-877-632-7347); Fax (Toll-Free) 1-877-851-5451; E-mail mda.bmds.peis@icfconsulting.com; or Web site. An electronic version of the Final PEIS is available on the MDA Web site at <http://www.mda.mil/mdalink/html/enviro.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please call Mr. Rick Lehner, MDA Director of Public Affairs, at (703) 697-8997.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MDA has a requirement to develop, test, deploy, and prepare for decommissioning the BMDS to protect the United States, its deployed forces, friends, and allies from ballistic missile threats. The proposed action would provide an integrated BMDS using existing infrastructure and capabilities, when feasible, as well as emerging and new technologies, to meet current and evolving threats in support of the MDA's mission. Conceptually, the BMDS would be a layered system of weapons; sensors; Command and Control, Battle Management, and Communications (C2BMC); and support assets, each with specific functional

capabilities, working together to defend against all classes and ranges of threat ballistic missiles in all phases of flight. Multiple defensive weapons would be used to create a layered defense comprised of multiple intercept opportunities along the incoming threat missile's trajectory. This would provide a layered defensive system of capabilities designed to back up one another.

On April 11, 2003, MDA initiated the public scoping process by publishing the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare the PEIS for the BMDS in the **Federal Register**. MDA held public scoping meetings in Arlington, Virginia; Sacramento, California; Anchorage, Alaska; and Honolulu, Hawaii. The Notice of Availability (NOA) of the MDA Ballistic Missile Defense System Draft PEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on September 17, 2004. This initiated a public review and comment period for the Draft PEIS. MDA held public hearings in Arlington, Virginia; Sacramento, California; Anchorage, Alaska; and Honolulu, Hawaii. MDA received approximately 8,500 comments on the Draft PEIS; MDA considered all of these comments in preparing the Final PEIS. Responses to all of the in-scope comments can be found in Appendix K of the PEIS. Three recurring issues of public concern—orbital debris, perchlorate, and radar impacts to wildlife—were addressed in more technical detail in Appendices L, M, and N of the PEIS.

Alternatives Analysis

The MDA considers two alternatives to implementing an integrated BMDS that address the use of weapons components from land-, sea-, air-, and space-based platforms in addition to the No Action alternative as required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

- **Alternative 1.** Under Alternative 1, the MDA would develop, test, deploy, and plan to decommission land-, sea-, and air-based platforms for BMDS weapons components and related architecture and assets. Alternative 1 would include space-based sensors, but would not include space-based defensive weapons.
 - **Alternative 2.** Under Alternative 2, the MDA would develop, test, deploy, and plan to decommission land-, sea-, air-, and space-based platforms for BMDS weapons components and related architecture and assets. Alternative 2 would be identical to Alternative 1, with the addition of space-based defensive weapons.
 - **No Action Alternative.** Under the No Action Alternative, the MDA would not develop, test, deploy, or plan for

decommissioning activities for an integrated BMDS. Instead, the MDA would continue existing development and testing of discrete systems as stand-alone missile defense capabilities. Individual systems would continue to be tested but would not be subjected to System Integration Tests.

Dated: February 7, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This Notice is published in accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463). The topic of the meeting on March 13-14, 2007 are to review new start and continuing research and development projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program funds in excess of \$1M. This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Scientific Advisory Board at the time and in the manner permitted by the Board.

DATES: March 13, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and March 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: SERDP Program Office Conference Center, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite 804, Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Misa Jensen, SERDP Program Office, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite 303, Arlington, VA or by telephone at (703) 696-2126.

Dated: February 12, 2007.

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