

Transmittal No. 03-36**Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act****Annex
Item No. vii****(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The conventionally armed TOMAHAWK BLOCK IV Land Attack Missile (TLAM-E) consists of the following classified components:

a. The TLAM-E missile (Complete) – Missile components consisting of Guidance Set, Digital Scene Matching Area Correlator (DSMAC), Global Positioning System (GPS) when software is installed, Data Link when software/firmware is installed, Common Missile Radar Altimeter (CMRA), Operational Flight Software, DSMAC Flight Software, and GPS flight software.

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.

3. A determination has been made that United Kingdom can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****TRICARE (Formerly Known as the
Civilian Health and Medical Program of
the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS));
Fiscal Year 2004 Mental Health Rate
Updates**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of updated mental health per diem rates.

SUMMARY: This notice provides for the updating of hospital-specific per diem rates for high volume providers and regional per diem rates for low volume providers; the updated cap per diem for high volume providers; the beneficiary per diem cost-share amount for low volume providers for FY 2004 under the TRICARE Mental Health Per Diem Payment System; and the updated per diem rates for both full-day and half-day TRICARE Partial Hospitalization Programs for fiscal year 2004.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The fiscal year 2004 rates contained in this notice are effective for services occurring on or after October 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stan Regensberg, Office of Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Systems, TRICARE Management Activity, telephone (303) 676-3742.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The final rule published in the **Federal Register** on September 6, 1988, (53 FR 34285) set forth reimbursement changes that were effective for all inpatient hospital admission in psychiatric hospitals and exempt psychiatric units occurring on or after January 1, 1989. The final rule published in the **Federal Register** on July 1, 1993, (58 FR 35-400) set forth maximum per diem rates for all partial hospitalization admissions on or after September 29, 1993. Included in these final rules were provisions for updating reimbursement rates for each federal fiscal year. As stated in the final rules, each per diem shall be updated by the Medicare update factor for hospitals and units exempt from the Medicare Prospective Payment System. For fiscal

year 2004, Medicare has recommended a rate of increase of 3.4 percent for hospitals and units excluded from the prospective payment system. TRICARE will adopt this update factor for FY 2004 as the final update factor. Hospitals and units with hospital-specific rates (hospitals and units with high TRICARE volume) and regional specific rates for psychiatric hospitals and units with low TRICARE volume will have their TRICARE rates for FY 2003 updated by 3.4 percent for FY 2004. Partial hospitalization rates for full day and half day programs will also be updated by 3.4 percent for FY 2004. The cap amount for high volume hospitals and units will also be updated by the 3.4 percent for FY 2004. The beneficiary cost-share for low volume hospitals and units will also be updated by the 3.4 percent for FY 2004. Consistent with Medicare, the wage portion of the regional rate subject to the area wage adjustment is 71.56 percent for FY 2004.

The following reflect an update of 3.4 percent.

REGIONAL SPECIFIC RATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND UNITS WITH LOW TRICARE VOLUME

United States census region	Rate*
Northeast:	
New England	\$618
Mid-Atlantic	594
Midwest:	
East North Central	513
West North Central	484
South:	
South Atlantic	612
East South Central	663
West South Central	558
West:	
Mountain	557
Pacific	657

*Wage portion of the rate, subject to the area wage adjustment: 71.56 percent

Beneficiary Cost-Share: Beneficiary cost-share (other than dependents of active duty members) for care paid on the basis of a regional per diem rate is the lower of \$164 per day or 25 percent of the hospital billed charges effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2003

Cap Amount: Updated cap amount for hospitals and units with high TRICARE volume is \$776 per day for FY 2004.

The following reflect an update of 3.4 percent for FY 2004.

PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION RATES FOR FULL-DAY AND HALF-DAY PROGRAMS FY 2004

United States census region	Full-day rate (6 hours or more)	Half-day rate (3–5 hours)
Northeast:		
New England (ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT)	\$248	\$186
Mid-Atlantic (NY, NJ, PA)	268	201
Midwest:		
East North Central (OH, IN, IL, MI, WI)	236	177
West North Central (MN, IA, MO, ND, SD, NE, KS)	236	177
South:		
South Atlantic (DE, MD, DC, VA, NY, NC, SC, GA, FL) ..	255	191

PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION RATES FOR FULL-DAY AND HALF-DAY PROGRAMS FY 2004—Continued

United States census region	Full-day rate (6 hours or more)	Half-day rate (3–5 hours)
East South Central (KY, TN, AL, MS) ..	275	206
West South Central (AR, LA, TX, OK) ..	275	206
West:		
Mountain (MT, ID, WY, CO, NM, AZ, UT, NV) ..	278	209
Pacific (WA, OR, CA, AK, HI) ...	272	204

The above rates are effective for services rendered on or after December 1, 2003.

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Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting cancellations.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Enabling Joint Force Capabilities meeting scheduled for September 22, 2003, was canceled due to Hurricane Isabel. The follow-on meeting on September 29, 2003, has also been canceled.

Dated: September 22, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

United States European Command Senior Advisory Group

AGENCY: United States European Command, DoD

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States European Command Senior Advisory Group (USEUCOM SAG) will meet in closed session on October 6 and 7, 2003 at the National Defense University in Washington, DC. The two-day meeting will be discussing issues regarding the European Theater Transformation Campaign Plan and such material cannot be segregated without defeating the purpose of the meeting. Access to the information will be limited to personnel with the specific clearances and need-to-know.

This meeting will include classified matters within the meaning of the Federal Advisory Committee Act in accordance with 5 U.S.C., App 2, Section 10(d), 5 U.S.C., Section 552b(c), and Executive Order 12958 dated April 17, 1995.

DATES: October 6 and 7, 2003.

ADDRESSES: National Defense University, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. J. Mahar, (703) 614-6465.

Dated: September 17, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Deputy Secretary of Defense Policy Memorandum, Subject: Ensuring the Quality of Information Disseminated to the Public by the Department of Defense, Dated February 10, 2003

AGENCY: Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice is being published to notify interested persons of a new Web site address. The Department of Defense Memorandum, previously available at a different address, providing final guidelines for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information disseminated to the public are available on Web site: <http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/>. The Department of Defense published an earlier notice of availability for these guidelines on March 26, 2003 (68 FR 14599).

DATES: February 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Janet Unger, OASD (PA), Office of the Assistant Secretary of