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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Continuing Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) announces the extension of a currently approved collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 6, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the continuing information collection should be sent to the TRICARE Management Activity, CEB Office, Attn: Lyn Bell, 16401 East Centretch Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9043.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the continuation of the information collection, please write to the above address or contact Lyn Bell by calling (303) 676-3521 or e-mail at lyn.bell@tma.osd.mil.

Title, Associated Form and OMB Number: Continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP); DD Form 2837; OMB Number 0704-0364.

Need and Uses: The continuing information collection requirement is necessary for individuals to apply for enrollment in the Continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP). The CHCBP is a program of temporary health care benefit coverage that is made available to eligible individuals who lose health care under the Military Health System.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 202.

Number of Respondents: 808.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are individuals who are or were beneficiaries of the Military Health System (MHS) and who desire to enroll in the CHCBP following their loss of entitlement to health care coverage in the MHS. These beneficiaries include the active duty service member or former service member (who for purposes of this notice shall be referred to as "service member"), an unremarried former spouse of a service member, an unmarried child of a service member who ceases to meet the requirements for being considered a dependent, and a child placed for adoption or legal custody with the service member.

In order to be eligible for health care coverage under CHCBP, an individual must first enroll in CHCBP. DD Form

2837 is used as the information collection vehicle for that enrollment. The CHCBP is a legislatively mandated program and it is anticipated the program will continue indefinitely. As such, the need for collection information that will allow an individual to enroll in CHCBP continues and the Department of Defense is thus publishing this formal notice.

Dated: June 28, 2005.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 05-23]

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 Pub. L. 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/OPS-ADMIN, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 05-23 with attached transmittal, policy justification, Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: June 30, 2005.

Jeannette Owings-Ballard,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

29 JUN 2005

In reply refer to:
I-05/005064

**The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501**

Dear Mr. 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. 05-23, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Japan for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$387 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard J. Millies", is positioned above the printed name and title.

**Richard J. Millies
Deputy Director**

Enclosures:

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

**Same ltr to: House Committee on International Relations
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
House Committee on Armed Services
Senate Committee on Armed Services
House Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Appropriations**

Transmittal No. 05-23

**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:** Japan
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$298 million |
| Other | <u>\$ 89 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$387 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** nine SM-3 Block 1A Standard missiles with MK 21 Mod 2 canisters, Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) upgrades to one AEGIS Weapon System, AEGIS BMD Vertical Launch System ORDAITs, containers, spare and repair parts, publications, documentation, supply support, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Navy (LUX)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:** numerous FMS cases pertaining to the AEGIS Weapon Systems and Standard missiles
- (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:** 29 JUN 2005

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Japan - SM-3 Block IA Standard Missiles

The Government of Japan has requested a possible sale of nine SM-3 Block IA Standard missiles with MK 21 Mod 2 canisters, Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) upgrades to one AEGIS Weapon System, AEGIS BMD Vertical Launch System ORDAITs, containers, spare and repair parts, publications, documentation, supply support, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$387 million.

We previously notified transmittal number 04-06 to Congress on 5 May 2004 for the possible sale of nine SM-3 Block 1A Standard missiles with MK 21 Mod 2 canisters, Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) upgrades to one AEGIS Weapon System, AEGIS BMD Vertical Launch System ORDAITs and logistics support for an estimated value of \$725 million.

Japan is one of the major political and economic powers in East Asia and the Western Pacific and a key ally of the United States in ensuring the peace and stability of that region. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist Japan to develop and maintain a strong and ready self-defense capability, which will contribute to an acceptable military balance in the area. This proposed sale is consistent with these U.S. objectives and with the 1960 Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

Japan's agreement to provide fuel/logistics to U.S. and allied ships supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and its deployment of an AEGIS destroyer to the Indian Ocean have focused new obligations on the Japan Self Defense Forces (JSDF). The Japan Maritime Self Defense Forces (JMSDF) has four AEGIS destroyers operating with SM-2 missiles at sea; the fifth and sixth AEGIS destroyers are under construction. Although comparable weapons are not currently deployed in Northeast Asia, the proposed sale of SM-3 missiles and BMD upgrades to the AEGIS Weapon System will not significantly alter the existing military balance in the region as the proposed sale enhances only defensive capabilities. The JMSDF is fully capable of integrating the modified AEGIS Weapon System and SM-3 Block IA into its operational forces and will receive data sufficient to maintain and support the systems.

The AEGIS Weapon System and Standard missiles will be used on JMSDF ships and will provide, in concert with JSDF PAC-3 Patriot missiles, the initial ballistic missile defense for mainland Japan. Japan already has the upgraded AEGIS Weapon System and SM-3 Block IA Standard missiles in its inventory and will have no difficulty absorbing the additional upgraded Weapon System and missiles.

The principle contractors will be:

**Lockheed-Martin Maritime System and Sensors
Raytheon Company, Equipment Division
United Defense**

**Moorestown, New Jersey
Andover, Massachusetts
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

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 and contractor representatives to Japan.

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

Transmittal No. 05-23**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 SM-3 Block IA Standard missile hardware includes the Propulsion Train (MK-72 Booster and Steering Control Section), the Third Stage Rocket Motor, Guidance Section, and Kinetic Warhead. The Propulsion Train and Third Stage Rocket Motor are classified Confidential. The Guidance Section and the Kinetic Warhead are classified Secret. Certain operating frequencies and performance characteristics are classified Secret. Confidential documentation to be provided includes: parametric documents, general performance data, firing guidance, dynamics information, and some flight analysis procedures.

2. Upgrades to the Vertical Launching System (VLS) Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) Integrator (VGI) include initialization data enhancements to the fiber optic distribution system connecting the VGI to the missile to support tactical requirements. VGI enhancements will be accomplished through commercial off-the-shelf products and are considered Unclassified. The software associated with these enhancements is classified Confidential.

3. Further enhancements include upgrades to the Launch Control Computer Program (LCCP), Launch Control Unit computer programs, and Launch Sequencer computer programs to control training, warfare, decryption and digital data processing. The LCCP is classified Confidential.

4. The Aegis Weapon System hardware upgrades include modifications to the current SPY-1D and Command and Decision configurations. Modifications to the SPY-1D configuration include upgraded signal processor cards and providing a Mission Planner Laptop and System Calibration Using Satellites Laptop. While the hardware is Unclassified, the computer programs that run on these systems are classified Secret. Command and Decision modifications include providing a TAC-3600 adjunct computer and circuit card assemblies to provide an additional internal network path. While the hardware is Unclassified, the computer programs running on the system are classified Secret. Interoperability enhancements include additional capability of secure communications and cueing via upgrading to a Common Data Link Management System. This will upgrade the Common Shipboard Data Terminal Set and the

Command and Control Processor. Satellite TADIL-J functionality will additionally be incorporated. These interoperability systems are classified Secret.

5. The AEGIS documentation in general is Unclassified; however, some operational and maintenance manuals are classified Confidential and one AEGIS maintenance manual supplement is classified Secret. The manuals and technical documents are limited to that necessary for operational organizational maintenance.

6. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems 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

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0141]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Buy American Act—Construction

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0141).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information requirement concerning Buy American Act—Construction (Grimberg Decision). A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 70 FR 22650, May 2, 2005. No comments were received.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and

clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 8, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT Ms. Kimberly Marshall, Contract Policy Division, GSA, at (202) 219-0986.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VIR), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The clauses at FAR 52.225-9, Buy American Act—Construction Materials, and FAR 52.225-11, Buy American Act—Construction Materials under Trade Agreements, prove that offerors/contractors requesting to use foreign construction material, other than construction material eligible under a trade agreement shall provide adequate information for Government evaluation of the request. These regulations implement the Buy American Act for construction (41 U.S.C. 10a - 10d).

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 500.

Responses Per Respondent: 2.

Annual Responses: 1,000.

Hours Per Response: 2.5.

Total Burden Hours: 2,500.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from

the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VIR), Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0141, Buy American Act—Construction (Grimberg Decision) in all correspondence.

Dated: June 30, 2005.

Julia B. Wise,

Director, Contract Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of the Defense Acquisition Performance Assessment Project— Open/Closed Meeting—Correction

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Defense Acquisition Performance Assessment Project published an Open Meeting notice in the **Federal Register** of June 23, 2005. Notice is amended to reflect the addition of a closed meeting session following the morning's 9 a.m.–12 p.m. open meeting session on July 15, 2005. The closed session will be held from 1 p.m.–5 p.m. In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended, it has been determined that the Project's meeting in the afternoon concerns matters deemed confidential and/or proprietary in nature pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and will be closed to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lt Col Rene Bergeron, (703) 697-1361, rene.bergeron@pentagon.af.mil.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of June 23, 2005, page 36377, FR Doc. 05-12424, on