

POLICY JUSTIFICATIONThailand – UH-60M Blackhawk Helicopters

The Government of Thailand has requested a possible sale of 3 UH-60M Black Hawk Helicopters, 8 T700-GE-701D Engines (6 installed and 2 spares), Dual MXF-4027 VHF/UHF-AM/FM communication radios, AN/ARC-201E Export SINCGARS Airborne Radio, AN/AXP-117 CXP (Common Digital IFF Transponder), government furnished equipment, engineering change proposals, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, Aviation Mission Planning Station, Transportable Blackhawk Operations Simulator (TBOS), U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics support services, aircraft warranty, Air Worthiness Release Support, Repair and Return Support, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$235 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 major non-NATO ally.

The Government of Thailand intends to use these defense articles and services to modernize its armed forces. This proposed sale will contribute to the Thais military's goal to update its capability while further enhancing greater interoperability among the Government of Thailand, the U.S., and other allies.

The proposed sale of these helicopters and support package will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractors will be Sikorsky Aircraft Company in Stratford, Connecticut; and General Electric Aircraft Company in Lynn, Massachusetts. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will require the U.S. Government or contractor representatives to travel to Thailand for 5 weeks for equipment de-processing/fielding, system checkout and new equipment training and a Contractor Furnished Service Representative for one year.

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**

[Transmittal Nos. 11-15]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense.

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 July 21, 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 11-15 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: July 15, 2011.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

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The Honorable John A. Boehner
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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. 11-15, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to India for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$86 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,

William E. Landay III
Vice Admiral, USN
Director

Enclosures:

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



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Transmittal No. 11-15

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:* India

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment *	\$38 million
Other	\$48 million
TOTAL	\$86 million

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

(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:*

32 MK-54 All-Up-Round Lightweight Torpedoes, 3 recoverable exercise torpedoes, 1 training shape, containers, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, transportation, U.S. Government and contractor representatives' technical assistance, engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Navy (AAR)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:* None

(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 Attached Annex

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:*

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

India—MK-54 Lightweight Torpedoes

The Government of India has requested a possible sale of 32 MK-54 All-Up-Round Lightweight Torpedoes, 3 recoverable exercise torpedoes, 1 training shape, containers, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, transportation, U.S. Government and contractor representatives' technical assistance,

engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$86 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to strengthen the U.S.-India strategic relationship and to improve the security of a key important partner which continues to be an important force for political stability, peace, and economic progress in South Asia.

India intends to use the torpedoes on its Indian Navy P-8I Neptune maritime patrol aircraft, which will provide enhanced capabilities in effective defense of critical sea lines of communication.

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

The prime contractors will be The Boeing Company in St. Louis, Missouri, and a yet to be identified U.S. torpedo contractor. Details of a potential offset agreement in connection with the proposed sale are not known as of the date of this transmittal.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require U.S. Government and contractor representative in-country visits on a temporary basis for technical reviews, support, and oversight.

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

Transmittal No. 11-15

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

Annex

Item No. vii

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. The MK-54 is a conventional torpedo that can be launched from surface ships, helicopters, and fixed wing aircraft. The MK-54 is an upgrade to the MK-46 torpedo. The upgrade to MK-54 entails replacement of the torpedo's sonar and guidance and control systems with modern technology. The new guidance and control system uses a mixture of commercial-off-the-shelf and custom-built electronics. The warhead, fuel tank and propulsion system from the MK-46 torpedo are re-used in the MK-54 configuration with minor modifications. The MK-54 is highly effective against modern diesel and nuclear submarines. It has advanced logic that allows it to detect and prosecute threat submarines operating in challenging littoral environments. It is also effective in the presence of advanced acoustic

countermeasures that may be deployed by threat submarines.

2. The assembled MK-54 torpedo and several of its individual components are classified Confidential. The MK-54 operational software is classified Secret as is any hardware upon which the software has been installed.

3. 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Announcement of Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO)

AGENCY: Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a one-time opportunity to obtain funding from the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) for construction of Transportation Infrastructure Improvements associated with medical facilities related to recommendations of the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission. This notice includes proposal requirements, the deadline for submitting proposals, and the criteria that will be used to select proposals. However, because this is a new one-time program, this notice also requests comments on the proposed selection criteria for these grants, as provided in Section V, paragraph 1, of this notice. OEA will consider and respond to comments in a **Federal Register** supplemental notice on or about September 9, 2011, which may revise some elements of this notice. Awards may be provided under this notice directly by OEA to a state or local governmental entity, or funds may be transferred to another Federal agency for award on behalf of a state or local government.

DATES: A pre-proposal teleconference will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2011, at 3 p.m. EDT to review the goals and objectives of this funding opportunity and answer questions from interested respondents. Comments on the proposal selection criteria provided in Section V, paragraph 1 of this notice must be received by OEA not later than

August 19, 2011. All such comments must be in writing. OEA will publish a supplementary notice in the **Federal Register** on or about September 9, 2011, addressing comments received. Complete proposals for Transportation Infrastructure Improvement construction grants must be received by OEA by October 7, 2011 (the "Proposal Deadline"). OEA will evaluate all proposals and announce the projects that have been selected for submission of a grant application within 30 days after the Proposal Deadline.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposal selection criteria must be submitted separately from proposals. Comments and proposals must be submitted by their respective due dates identified in the **DATES** section and must be submitted electronically to OEA by the following method:

E-mail: FFOsubmit@wso.whs.mil.

Include either "Transportation Infrastructure Comments" or "Transportation Infrastructure Proposal" on the subject line of the message and request confirmation that your submission was received. OEA is not responsible for submissions unless OEA confirms receipt.

For the teleconference number and passcode for the teleconference on August 9, interested respondents should contact OEA at (703) 604-6020 or david.witschi@wso.whs.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David F. Witschi, Associate Director, OEA, telephone: (703) 604-6020, e-mail: david.witschi@wso.whs.mil.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Funding Opportunity Title: Transportation Infrastructure Improvements associated with medical facilities related to recommendations of the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Announcement Type: Federal Funding Opportunity.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 12.600.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

OEA, a DoD Field Activity, is authorized by Section 8110 of Public Law 112-10, the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, to provide up to \$300 million "for transportation infrastructure improvements associated with medical facilities related to recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission."

II. Award Information

OEA is accepting proposals for grant awards for construction of