DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION

Notice of the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission—Open Meeting (Salt Lake City, UT)

AGENCY: Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

ACTION: Notice; 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission—Open Meeting (Salt Lake City, UT).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the open meeting of the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission in Salt Lake City, Utah, will be held on June 6, 2005 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Salt Palace Convention Center, 100 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101. The delay in determining the venue, and delay of this notice resulted from unanticipated conflicts in the schedules of the various Federal, state and local officials whose participation was judged essential to a meaningful public discussion. The Commission requests that the public consult the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission Web site, *http://www.brac.gov,* for updates.

The Commission will meet to receive comment from Federal, state and local government representatives and the general public on base realignment and closure actions in Idaho and Utah that have been recommended by the Department of Defense (DoD). The purpose of this regional meeting is to allow communities experiencing a base closure or major realignment action (defined as loss of 300 civilian positions or 400 military and civilian positions) an opportunity to voice their concerns, counter-arguments, and opinions in a live public forum. This meeting will be open to the public, subject to the availability of space. The Commission will not render decisions regarding the DoD recommendations at this meeting, but will gather information for later deliberations by the Commission as a whole.

DATES: June 6, 2005 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Salt Palace Convention Center, 100 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please see the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission Web site, *http://www.brac.gov.* The Commission invites the public to provide direct comment by sending an electronic message through the portal provided on the Commission's website or by mailing comments and supporting documents to the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, 2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600, Arlington, Virginia 22202–3920. The Commission requests that public comments be directed toward matters bearing on the decision criteria described in *The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990,* as amended, available on the Commission Web site. Sections 2912 through 2914 of that Act describe the criteria and many of the essential elements of the 2005 BRAC process. For questions regarding this announcement, contact Mr. Dan Cowhig, Deputy General Counsel and Designated Federal Officer, at the Commission's mailing address or by telephone at 703–699–2950 or 2708.

Dated: May 26, 2005.

Jeannette Owings-Ballard,

Administrative Support Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 05–13]

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 Public Law 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 05–13 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: May 25, 2005.

Jeannette Owings-Ballard,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

23 MAY 2005
In reply refer to:
I-04/008403

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. 05-01, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States for defense articles and services estimated to cost $12 billion. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

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. 05-13

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:** Australia

(ii) **Total Estimated Value:**

Major Defense Equipment*	$200 million
Other	$150 million
TOTAL	$350 million

(iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** three MK 7 AEGIS Weapons Systems, support equipment, testing, computer programs and maintenance support, ship integration, spare and repair parts, supply support, publications and technical data, training, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, and other related elements of logistics support.

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

(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 Annex attached

(viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 23 MAY 2005

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Australia – AEGIS Weapons Systems

The Government of Australia has requested a possible sale of three MK 7 AEGIS Weapons Systems, support equipment, testing, computer programs and maintenance support, ship integration, spare and repair parts, supply support, publications and technical data, training, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is $350 million.

Australia is an important ally in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power significantly contributes to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) in modernizing its surface combatant fleet so as to maintain a strong and ready self-defense capability and contribute to an acceptable military balance in the area. This procurement also aids in maintaining the U.S. Navy (USN) production base and will improve interoperability between RAN and USN forces. This proposed sale is consistent with those objectives, and facilitates burden sharing with our allies.

The proposed sale of AEGIS Weapons Systems to Australia will contribute to U.S. security objectives by providing a coalition partner with significantly improved Air Warfare capability. This will improve the Royal Australian Navy's ability to participate in coalition operations, provides common logistical support with the USN, and enhances the lethality of its Air Warfare Destroyer platform. The RAN can easily integrate the capabilities of the AEGIS Weapons Systems into their concept of operations. Australia will have no difficulty absorbing these systems into its armed forces.

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

The principle contractors will be:

Lockheed-Martin Maritime System and Sensors	Moorestown, New Jersey
Raytheon Company, Equipment Division	Andover, Massachusetts
General Dynamics, Armament Systems	Burlington, Vermont
Lockheed Martin Maritime Systems and Sensors	Eagan, Minnesota

There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of up to three U.S. Government and contractor representatives to Australia.

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

Transmittal No. 05-13

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 AEGIS Weapon System (AWS) hardware is unclassified, with the exception of the RF oscillator used in the Fire Control transmitter, which is classified Confidential. AEGIS documentation in general is unclassified; however, seven operation and maintenance manuals are classified Confidential, and one AEGIS maintenance manual supplement is classified Secret. The manuals and technical documents are limited to those necessary for operational and organizational maintenance.

2. While the hardware associated with the AN/SPY-1D(V) radar is unclassified, the computer programs are classified Secret. It is the combination of the AN/SPY-1D(V) hardware and the computer programs for the AN/SPY-1D(V) radar that constitutes the sensitive technology. The SPY-1D(V) radar hardware design and production data will not be released with this proposed sale. Some computer program documentation at the Secret level explaining the capabilities of the systems will be released to support Australian understanding of U.S. computer program development efforts. No computer program design data will be released at this time. The U.S. Navy will perform life cycle maintenance of the AEGIS weapons system computer programs.

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 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

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee.

ACTION: Notice; meeting of the Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee will meet in closed session at the Pentagon on June 16, 2005 from 0900 to 2000 and June 17, 2005 from 0830 to 1500.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense and Under Secretary of Defense for Policy with independent, informed advice on major matters of defense policy. The Board will hold classified discussions on national security matters.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, as amended [5 U.S.C. App II (1982)], it has been determined that this meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552B (c)(1)(1982), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: June 16, 2005 from 0900 to 2000 and June 17, 2005 from 0830 to 1500.

ADDRESSES: The Pentagon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ann E. Hansen at telephone number 703–693–7034.

Dated: May 24, 2005.

Jeannette Owings-Ballard,
OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Open Meeting of the National Defense University Visitors (BOV)

AGENCY: National Defense University, DoD.

ACTION: Notice; open meeting of the National Defense University Visitors (BOV).

SUMMARY: The President, National Defense University has scheduled a meeting of the Board of Visitors.