TIME AND DATE: The meeting will be held Monday, January 8, 2007—Wednesday, January 10, 2007. This time and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Refer to the Web page *http://www.climate.noaa.gov/index.jsp?pg=./ccsp/53.jsp* for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

Place: The meeting will be held at the Latham Hotel, 3000 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20007. Please contact Dr. Nancy Beller-Simms for further information (contact information follows).

Status: The meeting will be open to public participation with a public comment period on January 9, at 9 a.m. (times are dependent on number of participants, check Web site to confirm this time). In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments (at least 35 copies) should be received by the CPDC—S&A 5.3 Designated Federal Official by December 27, 2006 to provide sufficient time for review. Written comments received after that date will be distributed to the CPDC—S&A 5.3, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

Matters to be Considered: The meeting will include, but not be limited to, the following topics: (1) Decision-support experiments within the water resource management sector as described in the Product Prospectus; (2) Discussion of procedures and a timeline for completion of the first draft of the Synthesis and Assessment Product 5.3; and (3) Discussion of plans for completion and submission of future drafts and procedures.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Nancy Beller-Simms, Designated Federal Official, CPDC—S&A 5.3 (NOAA Climate Program Office, 1315 East West Highway, Room 12221, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Phone: 301–734–1205, Fax: 301–713–0518, E-mail: *Nancy.Beller-Simms@noaa.gov*) or visit the Web site at *http://www.climate.noaa.gov/index.jsp?pg=./ccsp/53.jsp*.

Dated: December 12, 2006.

Mark E. Brown,

Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 120106A]

U.S. Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Product Draft Report 4.5

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration publishes this notice to announce the availability of the draft Report for one of the U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Synthesis and Assessment Products for public comment. This draft Report addresses the following CCSP Topic: Product 4.5 Effects of Climate Change on Energy Production and Use in the United States

After consideration of comments received on the draft Report, the final Report along with the comments received will be published on the CCSP web site.

DATES: Comments must be received by February 1, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The draft Report is posted on the CCSP Program Office web site. The web addresses to access the draft Report is:

Product 4.5 (Energy Production) *http://www.climatescience.gov/Library/sap/sap4–5/default.php*

Detailed instructions for making comments on the draft Report is provided with the Report. Comments should be prepared in accordance with these instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Fabien Laurier, Climate Change Science Program Office, 1717 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 250, Washington, DC 20006, Telephone: (202) 419 3481.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CCSP was established by the President in 2002 to coordinate and integrate scientific research on global change and climate change sponsored by 13 participating departments and agencies of the U.S. Government. The CCSP is charged with preparing information resources that support climate-related discussions and decisions, including scientific synthesis and assessment analyses that support evaluation of important policy issues. The Report addressed by this notice provides a topical overview and describes plans for scoping, drafting, reviewing, producing, and disseminating one of 21 final synthesis and assessment Products that will be produced by the CCSP.

Dated: December 6, 2006.

William J. Brennan,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Affairs, and Acting Director, Climate Change Science Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 07–01]

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. Brenda English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601–3740.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 07–01 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: December 11, 2006.

C.R. Choate,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

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In reply refer to:
I-06/012497

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, DC 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. 07-01, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to North Atlantic Treaty Organization for defense articles and services estimated to cost $589 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,

JEFFREY B. KOHLER
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USAF
DIRECTOR

Enclosures:
1. **Transmittal**
2. **Policy Justification**
3. **Sensitivity of Technology**

Same ltr to:

House	Senate
Committee on International Relations	Committee on Foreign Relations
Committee on Armed Services	Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations	Committee on Appropriations

Transmittal No. 07-01

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:** North Atlantic Treaty Organization

(ii) **Total Estimated Value:**

Major Defense Equipment*	$120 million
Other	$469 million
TOTAL	$589 million

(iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** in support of a Direct Commercial Sale to NATO of up to four Boeing C-17 GLOBEMASTER III aircraft, up to two Pratt & Whitney F117-PW-100 spares engines, up to four AN/AAQ-24V(13) Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (LAIRCM) Systems, up to fifteen AN/AVS-9 Night Vision Goggles, Electronic Combat International Security Assistance Program software equipment, spare and repairs parts, mission planning system and software, Personnel Life Support equipment, flares, COMSEC equipment, supply support, training equipment and support, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support.

(iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (QZZ)

(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 Articles or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:** See Annex attached

(viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** [illegible]

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

NATO Consortium – Support for C-17 GLOBEMASTER III Aircraft

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) requests a possible sale in support of a Direct Commercial Sale for up to four Boeing C-17 GLOBEMASTER III aircraft. This proposed sale includes up to two Pratt & Whitney F117-PW-100 spare engines, up to four AN/AAQ-24V(13) Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (LAIRCM) Systems, up to fifteen AN/AVS-9 Night Vision Goggles, Electronic Combat International Security Assistance Program software equipment, spare and repair parts, mission planning system and software, Personnel Life Support equipment, flares, COMSEC equipment, supply support, training equipment and support, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support and will be used by the NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency (NAMSA) to support the aircraft. The estimated cost is $589 million.

An international consortium made up of NATO allies is forming the NATO Strategic Airlift Capability (NSAC) consortium; the ownership entity will be a chartered NATO Weapon System Partnership (WSP) of allied nations. NAMSA will administer the WSP.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of NATO and further weapon system standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces. NATO is transitioning to an expanded global role, increasing the share of its burden in the Global War on Terrorism, specifically for out-of-area operations. NATO allies have agreed to increase the capability, usability, and deployability of their forces, transforming them from their Cold War territorial defense roles. This expanded role includes peacekeeping and stability operations, as well as disaster relief around the globe. The C-17 will partially serve NATO's agreed military requirement for eight C-17 equivalents to rapidly deploy a force around the globe, including the NATO Response Force (NRF). Futhermore, member nations will be able to execute strategic airlift missions in support of national objectives, or to fulfill national contributions to multi-nation missions. This capability provides consortium member nations with an organic capability that compliments global reach efforts supported by the U.S. Air Force.

NATO does not currently have a heavy airlift capability and must rely on outside sources for their military airlift needs. This assistance normally takes the form of either U.S. Air Force airlift or contract carriers that use Russian heavy airlift aircraft. The procurement of C-17s will increase interoperability with the U.S. Air Force airlift system and will enhance relationships with NATO Strategic Airlift Capability members.

NATO has the ability to absorb and employ the C-17. It has agreed to pursue basing the C-17s at Ramstein Air Base, further adding to the synergies of operating side-by-side with U.S. Air Force systems. Ramstein has already undergone significant NATO-funded infrastructure upgrades required to support operation of C-17s and other large aircraft, and this capability will qualify Ramstein for further NATO Security Investment program funding.

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

This proposed sale will involve the following contractors:

Boeing Company	Long Beach, California
McDonnell Douglas Training Systems A Wholly Owned Subsidiary (Boeing Company)	St. Louis, Missouri
AAI Services Corporation	Goose Creek, South Carolina
United Technologies Cooperation, Pratt & Whitney Military Engines	East Hartford, Connecticut
Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation	Rolling Meadows, Illinois

Additional subcontractors may be needed depending on the exact nature of the contracting arrangements established. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

This proposed sale will require Boeing to enhance a facility at Ramstein to provide C-17 logistics support under the current GLOBEMASTER Support Partnership. The proposed plan will require approximately 14 U.S. Government representatives at the facility. Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of up to 8 each U.S. Government and contractor representatives in country for annual participation in training, program management, and technical review.

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

Transmittal No. 07-01

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 Boeing C-17 GLOBEMASTER III military airlift aircraft is the newest, most flexible cargo aircraft to enter the U. S. Air Force fleet. The C-17 is capable of rapid strategic delivery of up to 170,900 pounds of personnel and equipment to main operating bases or to forward operating bases. The aircraft is also capable of short field landings with a full cargo load. Finally, the aircraft can perform tactical airlift and airdrop missions and can also transport litters and ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuation when required. A fully integrated electronic cockpit and advanced cargo systems allow a crew of three: the pilot, copilot and loadmaster to operate the aircraft on any type of mission.

2. The AN/AAQ-24V(13) Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasure (LAIRCM) is an active countermeasure system designed to defeat man-portable, shoulder-fired, and vehicle-launched infrared guided missiles by directing a high-intensity modulated laser beam into the missile seeker. This aircraft self-protection suite will provide fast and accurate threat detection, processing, tracking, and countermeasures to defeat current and future generation infrared missile threats. LAIRCM is designed for installation on a wide range of fixed-wing aircraft. The basic hardware is Unclassified. However, the system relies on jam codes that direct the laser to fire at a specified rate and frequency, depending on the threat detected. These jam codes are developed by the LAIRCM System Group and are classified Secret. Technical data and other documentation are classified up to Secret.

3. The AN/AVS-9 Night Vision Goggles (NVG), a 3rd generation aviation device offers a higher resolution, high gain, and photo response to near infrared. Features include independent eye-span adjustment; 25-mm eye relief eyepieces, which easily accommodate eyeglasses, and a low-profile battery pack. Minus-blue filters screen glare from cockpit instrument lighting; and a class B filter (available with some variants) can accommodate aircraft color displays. Other features include: low-distortion optics and automatic brightness control. The Night Vision Imaging System (NVIS) modification includes cockpit modifications to provide NVG-compatible

cockpit lighting that optimizes NVG sensitivity, as well as external lighting capable of operating in a covert mode wherein only NVG-equipped personnel can see the aircraft external lighting. The hardware, technical data, and documentation to be provided are Unclassified.

4. The AN/ALE-47 Counter-Measures Dispensing System (CMDS) is an integrated, threat-adaptive, software-programmable dispensing system capable of dispensing chaff, flares and active radio frequency expendables. The threats countered by the CMDS include radar-directed anti-aircraft artillery (AAA), radar command-guided missiles, radar homing guided missiles, and infrared (IR) guided missiles. The system is internally mounted and may be operated as a stand-alone system or may be integrated with other on-board electronic warfare and avionics systems. The AN/ALE-47 uses threat data received over the aircraft interfaces to assess the threat situation and to determine a response. Expendable routines tailored to the immediate aircraft and threat environment may be dispensed using one of four operational modes. The hardware, technical data, and documentation to be provided are Unclassified.

5. 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

[Transmittal No. 07–02]

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. Brenda English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601–3740.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 07–02 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: December 11, 2006.

C.R. Choate,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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