POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – Light Armored Vehicles and Related Support

The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible sale of 25 LAV-25 series Light Armored Vehicles, 8 LAV Assault Guns, 8 LAV Anti-Tank Vehicles, 6 LAV Mortars, 2 LAV Recovery Vehicles, 24 LAV Command and Control Vehicles, 3 LAV Personnel Carriers, 3 LAV Ammo Carriers, 1 LAV Engineer Vehicle, 2 LAV Ambulances, AN/VRC 90E and AN/VRC-92E Export Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio Systems (SINCgars), battery chargers, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and technical support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is $350 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 friendly country which has been, and continues to be, an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale will improve the Saudi Arabian National Guard’s ability to effectively conduct security and counter-terrorism operations, and would serve to make a key strategic partner in regional contingency operations more capable of defeating those who would threaten regional stability and less reliant on the deployment of U.S. forces to maintain or restore stability in the Middle East. Saudi Arabia, which already has Light Armored Vehicles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional vehicles into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this service will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractors will be ITT Aerospace/Communications in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Harris Corporation in Rochester, New York; General Dynamics Land Systems in London, Ontario, Canada; and Raytheon Corporation in Tucson, Arizona. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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

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: Mr. John Unglesbee, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601–6026.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 10–68 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: June 16, 2011.

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The Honorable John A. Boehner
Speaker
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. 10-68, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Saudi Arabia for defense articles and services estimated to cost $263 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
4. Regional Balance (Classified Document Provided under Separate Cover)
Transmittal No. 10-68

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

(i) **Prospective Purchaser:** Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

(ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- Major Defense Equipment*: $163 million
- Other: $100 million
- TOTAL: $263 million

(iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:**
- 23 LAV-25mm Light Armored Vehicles (LAV),
- 14 LAV Personnel Carriers,
- 4 LAV Ambulances,
- 3 LAV Recovery Vehicles,
- 9 LAV Command and Control Vehicles,
- 20 LAV Anti-Tank (TOW) Vehicles,
- 155 AN/PVS-7B Night Vision Goggles,
- M257 Smoke Grenade Launchers,
- Improved Thermal Sight Systems (ITSS) and Modified Improved TOW Acquisition Systems (MITAS),
- Defense Advanced Global Positioning System Receivers,
- AN/USQ-159 Camouflage Net Sets,
- M2A2 Aiming Circles,
- compasses, plotting boards, reeling machines, sight bore optical sets,
- telescopes, switchboards, driver vision enhancers,
- spare and repair parts,
- support and test equipment,
- personnel training and training equipment,
- publications and technical documentation,
- U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services,
- and other related elements of logistics support.

(iv) **Military Department:** Army (VTD, Amendment #1)

(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:** JUN 10 2011

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

Saudi Arabia – Light Armored Vehicles

The Government of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible sale of 23 LAV-25mm Light Armored Vehicles (LAV), 14 LAV Personnel Carriers, 4 LAV Ambulances, 3 LAV Recovery Vehicles, 9 LAV Command and Control Vehicles, 20 LAV Anti-Tank (TOW) Vehicles, 155 AN/PVS-7B Night Vision Goggles, M257 Smoke Grenade Launchers, Improved Thermal Sight Systems (ITSS) and Modified Improved TOW Acquisition Systems (MITAS), Defense Advanced Global Positioning System Receivers, AN/USQ-159 Camouflage Net Sets, M2A2 Aiming Circles, compasses, plotting boards, reeling machines, sight bore optical sets, telescopes, switchboards, driver vision enhancers, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is $263 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 friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale of Light Armored Vehicles will provide a highly mobile, light combat vehicle capability enabling Saudi Arabia to rapidly identify, engage, and defeat perimeter security threats and readily employ counter- and anti-terrorism measures. The vehicles will enhance the stability and security operations for boundaries and territorial areas encompassing the Arabian Peninsula. Saudi Arabia will have no difficulty absorbing these LAVs into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractors will be General Dynamics Land Systems in Sterling Heights, Michigan and the Raytheon Corporation in Tucson, Arizona. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale may require the assignment of approximately five additional U.S. Government and ten contractor representatives through at least 2014.

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

Office of the Secretary

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

ANNEX

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Light Armored Vehicle (LAV) and all associated documentation are Unclassified. Sensitive technologies, to include the Improved Thermal Sight System (ITSS) and Modified Improved TOW Acquisition System (MITAS), are integral to the LAV-25 and LAV Anti-Tank (TOW) mission role variants. The AN/VAS-5 Drivers Vision Enhancer is integral to all mission role variants.

2. The MITAS is a thermal sight system consisting of a target acquisition and fire control system that gives the LAV Anti-Tank (TOW) Vehicle crews a substantial advantage over the potential threat. The MITAS provides the crew with the ability to effectively aim, fire, and track the TOW missiles in adverse battlefield conditions while the weapon system is stationary. The hardware itself is Unclassified. The engineering design and manufacturing data associated with the detector and infrared optics are considered sensitive. The technical data package is Unclassified with the exception of the specifications for target acquisition range (Confidential), nuclear hardening (Confidential), and laser hardening (Secret).

3. The AN/VAS-5 Drivers Vision Enhancer (DVE) consists of a sensor module, display control module, and a vehicle-unique integration bracket. The sensor module consists of a long wavelength infrared thermal imager based on a 240/320 uncooled array and a 30/40 degree objective lens assembly. The sensor module’s uncooled infrared technology eliminates the need for a cryogenic cooler, substantially reducing costs while increasing system reliability. The display control module is a 10.4 inch diagonal liquid crystal display with integral operator controls. The modularity of the sensor and display control module allows DVE to be easily integrated into many combat and tactical wheeled vehicles.

4. 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.

SUMMARY: The Defense Logistics Agency proposes to amend a system of records notice in its existing inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This proposed action will be effective without further notice on July 25, 2011 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and/ or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) and title, by any of the following methods:


Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public...