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Annex
Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The CBU-105D/B Sensor Fused Weapon (SFW) is an advanced 1,000-pound class cluster bomb munition containing sensor fused sub-munitions that are designed to attack and defeat a wide range of moving or stationary land and maritime threats with minimal collateral damage. The SFW is currently the only combat proven, clean battle weapon that meets U.S. law regarding cluster munition safety standards. In addition to added safety, no other munition is as versatile and effective against so many different target types. Major components and technical data are classified up to Secret. Anti-tamper security measures are incorporated into the munition to prevent exploitation. The munition will be delivered in its Unclassified All-Up-Round configuration.

2. 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.
JUN 10 2011

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. 10-77, concerning the Department of the Army’s proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for defense articles and services estimated to cost $350 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. Regional Balance (Classified Document Provided under Separate Cover)
Transmittal No. 10-77

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(i) Prospective Purchaser: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

   Major Defense Equipment*            $300 million
   Other                                $ 50 million
   TOTAL                               $350 million

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

   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.

(iv) Military Department: Army (ZAC, Amd #43)

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: Numerous cases dating back to 1975

(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: None

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: Jun 10 2011

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

Aaron Siegel,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.