POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Mexico – C-130J-30 Aircraft

The Government of Mexico has requested a sale of 2 C-130J-30 aircraft, 10 AE2100D3 engines (8 installed and 2 spares), aircraft modifications, Government Furnished Equipment, communication equipment, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is $412 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve Mexico's fight against criminal organizations, drugs, and gang activities in support of the internal security of Mexico. This proposed sale directly supports the Mexican government and serves the interests of the Mexican people and the U.S.

The proposed sale of C-130J's to Mexico will significantly increase the Mexican Air Force's capability to provide in-country airlift for the Government of Mexico. Mexico intends to utilize these aircraft to transport supplies, vehicles, and personnel in support of counter illicit-trafficking operations, humanitarian efforts, and presidential movement support airlift. Mexico, which already operates a mix of legacy C-130s, will have no difficulty absorbing these aircraft into its inventory and has requested that the sale include three years of training and sustainment in order to ensure a smooth transition.

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

The prime contractor will be Lockheed Martin-Aerospace in Marietta, Georgia. There are no known offset agreements in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of four contractor representatives and four Field Service Representatives (two from Lockheed Martin and two from Rolls Royce) for a period of three years. Also, U.S. government personnel will be assigned to the area for a period of three years to assist the purchaser in establishing a supply system in support of flight operations, supply management, inventory control, and documentation procedures.

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. 12–26]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, DoD.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 12–26 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: September 26, 2012.

Morgan F. Park,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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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

SEP 21 2012

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. 12-26, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Republic of Korea for defense articles and services estimated to cost $2.6 billion. 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

Transmittal No. 12-26

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: Republic of Korea

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment*	$ 1.3 billion
Other	$ 1.3 billion
TOTAL	$ 2.6 billion

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: 36 AH-1Z COBRA Attack Helicopters, 84 T-700 GE 401C Engines (72 installed and 12 spares), 288 AGM-114K3 HELLFIRE Missiles, 72 AIM-9M-8 SIDEWINDER Missiles, integrated missile launchers, AN/AAQ-30 Target Sighting Systems (TSS) and AN/ALQ-136 Radar Frequency Jammers. The electronic warfare systems include the AN/AAR-47 Missile Warning System, AN/ALQ-144 Infrared Jammer, APX-123 Identify Friend or Foe (IFF) Mode-4 and AN/ALE-47 Chaff and Flare Decoy Dispenser, communication and support equipment, spare engine containers, spare and repair parts, tools and test equipment, technical data and publications, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (SEC)

(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: SEP 21 2012

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Korea – 36 AH-1Z COBRA Attack Helicopters

The Government of the Republic of Korea has requested a possible sale of 36 AH-1Z COBRA Attack Helicopters, 84 T-700 GE 401C Engines (72 installed and 12 spares), 288 AGM-114K3 HELLFIRE Missiles, 72 AIM-9M-8 SIDEWINDER Missiles, integrated missile launchers, AN/AAQ-30 Target Sighting Systems (TSS) and AN/ALQ-136 Radar Frequency Jammers. The electronic warfare systems include the AN/AAR-47 Missile Warning System, AN/ALQ-144 Infrared Jammer, APX-123 Identify Friend or Foe (IFF) Mode-4 and AN/ALE-47 Chaff and Flare Decoy Dispenser, communication and support equipment, spare engine containers spare and repair parts, tools and test equipment, technical data and publications, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is $2.6 billion.

The Government of Korea is one of the major political and economic powers in East Asia and the Western Pacific and a key partner of the United States in ensuring peace and stability in that region. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist our Korean ally in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

The proposed sale of the AH-1Z COBRA helicopters will improve South Korea's capability to meet current and future threats. The sale of these AH-1Z helicopters will improve its close air support, air interdiction, armed reconnaissance, strike coordination/reconnaissance, forward air control (airborne), and aerial escort capabilities while enhancing interoperability with U.S. forces. Korea will have no difficulty absorbing these helicopters into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractors will be Bell-Textron Corporation in Amarillo, Texas, and General Electric in Lynn, Massachusetts. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple trips to Korea involving U.S. Government or contractor representatives on a temporary basis for program and technical ort, and management oversight.

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

Transmittal No. 12-26

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Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

Annex
Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The AH-1Z COBRA Attack Helicopter contains new generation technology. It is equipped for a range of missions including: close air support, air interdiction, armed reconnaissance, strike coordination/reconnaissance, forward air control (airborne), and aerial escort. The navigation suite includes an LN-100G dual embedded global positioning system and inertial navigation system. The helicopter is equipped with a fully digital communications suite with ARC-210 radios for Ultra High Frequency / Very High Frequency voice communications and multi-function radio. The helicopter is fitted with the AN/AAQ-30 Target Sighting System (TSS) and AN/ALQ-136 Radar Frequency Jammer. The electronic warfare systems include the AN/AAR-47 Missile Warning System, AN/ALQ-144 Infrared Jammer, APX-123 Identify Friend or Foe (IFF) Mode-4 and AN/ALE-47 Chaff and Flare Decoy Dispenser. The helicopters will be equipped with AGM-114K3 HELLFIRE Missiles, and AIM-9M-8 SIDEWINDER Missiles. The AH-1Z, including the mission equipment, is classified Secret.

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 weapons systems effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

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