

CMBRE supports multiple munitions platforms with a range of applications that perform preflight checks, periodic maintenance checks, loading of Operational Flight Program (OFP) data, loading of munitions mission planning data, loading of Global Positioning System (GPS) cryptographic keys, and declassification of munitions memory.

3. The ADU-891 Adapter Group Test Set provides the physical and electrical interface between the Common Munitions Built-in-Test Reprogramming Equipment (CMBRE) and the missile.

4. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

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 that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

6. A determination has been made that Japan can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

7. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to Japan.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 23-82, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$300 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. HURSCHE,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 23-82

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: Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO).

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment \$0.

Other \$300 million.

Total \$300 million.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-MDE: Included is follow-on life cycle support to maintain Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (C4) capabilities managed under the Syun An program. The C4 capabilities consisting of previously procured Multifunctional Information Distribution Systems-Low Volume Terminals (MIDS-LVT) and Joint Tactical Information Distribution System (JTIDS) equipment, as well as procurement of spare and repair parts; repair and return of equipment; technical documentation; personnel training; software and hardware; software development; maintenance of Continental United States (CONUS) technical laboratories; U.S. Government and contract engineering and technical support; logistics; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (TW-P-GPU).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: TW-P-GOS, TW-P-GNU, TW-P-GMK.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: None.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: December 15, 2023.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States—Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (C4) Life Cycle Support

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) has requested to buy follow-on life cycle support to maintain Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (C4) capabilities managed under the Syun An program. The C4 capabilities consisting of previously procured Multifunctional Information Distribution Systems-Low Volume Terminals (MIDS-LVT) and Joint Tactical Information Distribution System (JTIDS) equipment, as well as procurement of spare and repair parts; repair and return of equipment; technical documentation; personnel training; software and hardware; software development; maintenance of Continental United States (CONUS) technical laboratories; U.S. Government and contract engineering and technical support; logistics; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$300 million.

This proposed sale is consistent with U.S. law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and to maintain a credible defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

The proposed sale will improve the recipient's capability to meet current and future threats by enhancing operational readiness and maintenance of its existing C4 capabilities and sustaining capabilities that provide secure flow of tactical information required for the development of a Joint Common Operation Picture. The recipient will have no difficulty absorbing this support and equipment into its inventory.

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

The principal contractor(s) will be determined through U.S. Government competitive processes. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require an estimated twenty-six (26) U.S. Government personnel and eighty-three (83) U.S. contractor representatives to travel to the recipient, as required, to provide engineering and technical support services as well as program and technical reviews.

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

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DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(A) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 0T-23. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 12-39 of July 20, 2012.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. HURSCHE,
Director.

Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 0T-23

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(A), AECA)

(i) Purchaser: Government of Thailand.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 12-39; Date: July 20, 2012; Implementing Agency: Army.

Funding Source: National Funds.

(iii) Description: On July 20, 2012, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 12-39, of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of 4 UH-60M Black Hawk Helicopters, 10 T700-GE-701D Engines (8 installed and 2 spares), warranty, support equipment, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, and other related logistics support. The estimated cost was \$235 million. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$170 million of this total.

On July 28, 2017, CN 0M-16 reported the inclusion of eight (8) H-764ACE Embedded Global Position System (GPS)/Inertial Navigation Systems (EGI) units as MDE. Although the value of the EGI was included in the total value of the case and the original notification, it was not enumerated as MDE in the original notification. Upgrading the status of this equipment to MDE did not result in a net increase in cost of MDE. The total case value remained \$235 million.

On October 17, 2018, CN 0Q-18 reported the addition of two spare Embedded Global Position System (GPS)/Inertial Navigation Systems (EGI) units valued at \$371,970. These additions did not result in an increase to the MDE cost of \$170 million or to the total case value of \$235 million.

On April 21, 2021, CN 21-0H reported the addition of the following additional MDE items: 1) eight (8) UH-60M Black Hawk helicopters in standard USG configuration with designated unique equipment and Government Furnished Equipment (GFE); and 2) seventeen (17) T700-GE-701D engines (includes 1 spare). The following non-MDE items were also included: H-764ACE/EAGLE+429 Embedded Global Position System/Inertial Navigation Systems (EGIs); AN/APX-117A Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) transponders; AN/ARC-201E RT-1478E (or designated replacement); MXF-4027 radios (or designated replacement); Aviation Mission Planning Systems (AMPS); Engine Inlet Barrier Filter (EIBF) System; External Rescue Hoist (ERH); C-406 Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT); LRIP Crew Chief Gunner Seats; basic aircraft warranty; CONUS and OCONUS air worthiness support; calibration services; spare and repair parts; aviation and peculiar ground support equipment; communication equipment; publications and technical documentation; personnel and equipment training; site surveys; special tools and test equipment; U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The addition of these items resulted in a net increase in MDE cost of \$240 million, resulting in a revised MDE cost of \$410 million. The additional non-MDE items resulted in a net increase of \$100 million. The total estimated case value increased to \$575 million.

On November 21, 2022, CN 0S-22 reported the inclusion of the following MDE items to replace the previously notified, now unavailable/obsolete H-764ACE/EAGLE+429 EGIs: ten (10) Embedded Global Position System (GPS)/Inertial Navigation Systems (EGI). The estimated total value of the added MDE items was \$1,350,000 but did not increase the MDE cost of \$410 million. The estimated total case value remained \$575 million.

This transmittal reports the inclusion of an additional eight (8) Embedded Global Position System (GPS)/Inertial Navigation System (EGI)+429 with SAASM and/or M-Code (MDE). The estimated total value of the added MDE items is \$1,350,000. These items will not increase the MDE cost of \$410 million. The total case value will remain \$575 million.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided because the additional MDE items were not enumerated in the original notification. The inclusion of this MDE represents an increase in capability over what was previously notified. The proposed sale will support Thailand's ongoing effort to modernize its armed forces by updating its military capabilities and improving interoperability with the United States and other allies.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a Major Non-NATO ally which is an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Indo-Pacific region.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:

The Sensitivity of Technology Statement contained in the previous notification applies to items reported here.

The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: December 18, 2023.

NOMINATION OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TIMOTHY HAUGH

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I lift my intent to object to Executive Calendar No. 262, the promotion of Lt. Gen. Timothy Haugh to the grade of general and, consequently, to be the Director of the National Security Agency—NSA—and commander of U.S. Cyber Command. I have received the information I sought from the Department of Defense and NSA in connection with the nomination.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. KING. Mr. President, I rise to provide a brief statement on the nomination votes on December 18, 2023. I was unable to attend the votes due to inclement weather. Had I been here on Monday, December 18, 2023, I would have voted in "yea" on vote No. 347, the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 415, Martin O'Malley, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I was unable to attend yesterday's vote on rollcall vote No. 347 Confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 415, Martin O'Malley, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security. I would have voted yea on the confirmation had I been able to attend the vote.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO PAIGE YOUSCHAK-THOMPSON

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Paige Youschak-Thompson of Laconia as December's Granite Stater of the Month. Paige is known throughout the Lakes Region for her service to different organizations. Although she has always volunteered, she became more active when

her daughter was in school, and now, with her daughter an adult, volunteering has become the equivalent of a full-time job. Paige volunteers 5 days a week for more than 40 hours a week.

Paige will never say no when someone asks for her help. Although she does not have a favorite cause or organization, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, a local thrift shop, has a special place in her heart since it is where she first started to consistently volunteer. In addition, Paige is especially fond of helping kids in the community and believes in giving all children a chance, regardless of their income level. She worked with a local boutique to help provide free prom dresses to girls who may otherwise not be able to have one. Paige is also the chair of the community engagement committee for the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, which helps local children and families in need; it has distributed more than \$8 million over the last 40 years to the community.

Paige's strong pull towards volunteer work stems from her deep and lifelong desire to be a person who helps out and holds space for others. Paige makes other people happy in any way that she can. Being able to help the community brings her great joy, and she plans to continue volunteering for as long as she can.

Paige showcases the Granite State spirit of giving every day of the year, and I am honored to name her Granite Stater of the Month. Especially as we enter the holiday season, I hope that we can all aspire to give our time and support to our community as freely as Paige does.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, one of his secretaries.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT OF THE VETO OF S.J. RES. 32, A JOINT RESOLUTION THAT WOULD DISAPPROVE OF THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU'S FINAL RULE TITLED "SMALL BUSINESS LENDING UNDER THE EQUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITY ACT (REGULATION B)"—PM 34

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States which was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk:

To the Senate of the United States:

I am returning herewith without my approval S.J. Res. 32, a resolution that would disapprove of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) final rule titled "Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)."