information under the provisions of the Paperwork Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Form Number, and OMB Number: Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) Application; DD Form 2749; OMB Number 0704–0392.

Type of Request: Extension. Number of Respondents: 265. Responses per Respondent: 1. Annual Responses: 265.

Average Burden per Response: 4 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,060. Needs and Uses: The collection of information is necessary to identify products or services requested by community members of restoration advisory boards or technical review committees to aid in their participation in the Department of Defense's environmental restoration program, and to meet Congressional reporting requirements. Respondents are community members of restoration advisory boards or technical review committees requesting technical assistance to interpret scientific and engineering issues regarding the nature of environmental hazards at an installation. This assistance will aid communities in participating in the cleanup process. The information, directed by 10 U.S.C. 2705, will be used to determine the eligibility of the proposed project, begin the procurement process to obtain the requested products or services, and determine the satisfaction of community members of restoration advisory boards and technical review committees receiving the products and services.

Affected Public: Not-For-Profit Institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C.

Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202–4302.

Dated: November 22, 1999.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense. [FR Doc. 00–2441 Filed 2–3–00; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 00-12]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense Office of the Secretary.

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. J. Hurd, DSCA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604–6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 00–12 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: November 22, 1999.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

12 November 1999

In reply refer to: I-99/012810

Honorable J. Dennis Hastert Speaker of the House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515-6501

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export

Control Act, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 00-12, concerning the

Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to

Israel for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$45 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

Mark P. Scher Acting Director

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Attachments

Same ltr to: House Committee on International Relations

Senate Committee on Appropriations Senate Committee on Foreign Relations House Committee on National Security Senate Committee on Armed Services House Committee on Appropriations

Transmittal No. 00-12

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

- (i) Prospective Purchaser: Israel
- (ii) <u>Total Estimated Value:</u>

Major Defense Equipment* \$ 19 million
Other \$ 26 million
TOTAL \$ 45 million

- (iii) <u>Description of Articles or Services Offered</u>: Seven hundred Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) tail kits, MK-84 inert bombs, testing, spare and repair parts, support equipment, contractor engineering and technical support, and other related elements of program support.
- (iv) Military Department: Air Force (YEQ)
- (v) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: none
- (vi) <u>Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense</u> <u>Services Proposed to be Sold</u>: See Annex attached
- (vii) <u>Date Report Delivered to Congress</u>: 12 November 1999

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Israel - Joint Direct Attack Munitions

The Government of Israel has requested a possible sale of 700 Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) tail kits, MK-84 inert bombs, testing, spare and repair parts, support equipment, contractor engineering and technical support, and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$45 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 contribute significantly to U.S. strategic and tactical objectives. Israel will maintain its qualitative edge with a balance of new weapons procurement and upgrades supporting its existing systems. Israel will have no difficulty absorbing these JDAMs into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Boeing Company of St. Louis Missouri. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government representatives or contractor representatives to Israel.

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

Transmittal No. 00-12

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

Annex Item No. vi

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:

- 1. The Joint Direct Attack Munitions is actually a guidance kit that converts existing unguided free-fall bombs into precision-guided "smart" munitions. By adding a new tail section containing an Inertial Navigation System (INS) guidance/Global Positioning System (GPS) guidance to existing inventories of MK-84 bombs, the cost effective JDAM provides highly accurate weapon delivery in any "flyable" weather. The INS, using updates from the GPS, helps guide the bomb to the target via the use of movable tail fins.
- 2. Weapon accuracy is dependent on target coordinates and present position as entered into the guidance control unit. After weapon release, movable tail fins guide the weapon to the target coordinates. In addition to the tail kit, other elements in the overall system that are essential for successful employment include:

Access to accurate target coordinates. INS/GPS capability Operational Test and Evaluation Plan.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Seventh Annual National Security Education Program (NSEP) Institutional Grants Competition

AGENCY: Department of Defense, National Security Education Program (NSEP).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The NSEP announces the opening of its Seventh Annual Competition for Grants to U.S. Institutions of Higher Education.

DATES: The 2000 NSEP Grants Competition begins on Friday, February 4, 2000. [Preliminary Proposals are due Monday, April 10, 2000. ADDRESSES: Grants Solicitations (application and guidelines) will be available and may be downloaded from the NSEP home page (http://www.ndu.edu/nsep) beginning Friday, February 4, 2000. As alternate methods, you may obtain copies of the solicitation package by: writing to NSEP, Institutional Grants, Rossyln P.O. Box 20010, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1210, Arlington, VA 22209–2248; by facsimile request nsepo@ndu.edu

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol Anne Spreen, Institutional grants Director, National Security Education Program, 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1210, Arlington, VA 22209–2248; (703) 696–1991; Electronic mail address: spreenc@ndu.edu Dated: November 22, 1999.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense. [FR Doc. 00–2442 Filed 2–3–00; 8:45 am]

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Eastern Arkansas Region Comprehensive Study, Bayou Meto Basin, AR, General Reevaluation

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this general reevaluation is to develop a plan that