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*Electronic Access:* The NMFS Strategic Plan for Fisheries Research (2007) may be viewed in its entirety online at <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/index.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mark Chandler at 301-713-2367 ext. 152.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 404 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act requires the Secretary of Commerce to post triennially in the **Federal Register** the availability of a five-year strategic plan for fisheries research. The Magnuson-Stevens Act also requires that the plan address four major areas of research: (1) research to support fishery conservation and management; (2) conservation engineering research; (3) research on the fisheries; and (4) information management research. The Magnuson-Stevens Act also requires that the plan contain a limited number of priority objectives for each of these research areas. Additionally, this plan incorporates input provided during the public comment period on the draft version announced in the **Federal Register**: January 24, 2007 (72 FR 3111).

The Strategic Plan for Fisheries Research (2007) is based upon and entirely consistent with NMFS' "New Priorities for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: National Marine Fisheries Service Strategic Plan Updated for FY 2005—FY 2010" located on the internet at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/mb/strategic/>. The objectives found under the "Major Fishery Research Goals and Objectives" section of the Strategic Plan for Fisheries Research can be linked with those in the agency's comprehensive plan that covers all aspects of NMFS' activities.

The scope of the 2007 document is solely fisheries research to support the Magnuson-Stevens Act. It does not include the regulatory and enforcement components of NMFS' mission. NMFS currently conducts a comprehensive program of fisheries research and

involves industry and others interested in planning and implementing its fisheries objectives.

Dated: October 12, 2007.

**Steven A. Murawski**

*Director of Scientific Programs and Chief Science Advisor, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No. PTO-C-2007-0036]

**Performance Review Board (PRB)**

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In conformance with the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the United States Patent and Trademark Office announces the appointment of persons to serve as members of its Performance Review Board.

**ADDRESSES:** Director, Human Capital Management, Office of Human Resources, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kent Baum at (571) 272-6200.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The membership of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Performance Review Board is as follows:

Margaret J. A. Peterlin, Chair, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Deborah S. Cohn, Vice Chair, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

John J. Doll, Commissioner for Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Lynne G. Beresford, Commissioner for Trademarks, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

David J. Freeland, Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

James A. Toupin, General Counsel, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Lois E. Boland, Director, Office of Intellectual Property Policy and Enforcement, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Barry K. Hudson, Chief Financial Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Jefferson D. Taylor, Director, Office of Governmental Affairs, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Dated: October 11, 2007.

**Jon W. Dudas,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 07-60]

**36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

**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.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 07-60 with attached transmittal, and policy justification.

Dated: September 25, 2007.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

SEP 21 2007  
In reply refer to:  
I-07/011488-CFM

**The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-6501**

**Dear Madam 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. 07-60, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Iraq for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$172 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,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard J. Millies".

**Richard J. Millies  
Deputy Director**

**Enclosures:**

- 1. Transmittal**
- 2. Policy Justification**

**Same ltr to:**

**House  
Committee on Foreign Affairs  
Committee on Armed Services  
Committee on Appropriations**

**Senate  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
Committee on Armed Services  
Committee on Appropriations**

## Transmittal No. 07-60

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: Iraq
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:
- |                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 0 million         |
| Other                    | <u>\$172 million</u> |
| TOTAL                    | \$172 million        |
- (iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: logistics support for (3) C-130E aircraft to include supply and maintenance support, flares, electronic warfare support, software upgrades, pyrotechnics, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and documentation, personnel training and training equipment, fuel and fueling services, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) Military Department: Air Force (QAD)
- (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: none
- (viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: SEP 21 2007

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

## POLICY JUSTIFICATION

### Iraq - Logistics Support for C-130E Aircraft

The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale of logistics support for (3) C-130E aircraft to include supply and maintenance support, flares, electronic warfare support, software upgrades, pyrotechnics, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and documentation, personnel training and training equipment, fuel and fueling services, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$172 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. This proposed sale directly supports the Iraqi government and serves the interests of the Iraqi people and the U.S., as well as offering hope for a more stable and peaceful Middle East.

The Government of Iraq needs the contractor technical support, maintenance, and logistical services to maintain the operational capabilities of its C-130E aircraft, previously procured from the United States. These C-130E aircraft will be used to provide airlift support. Additionally, this sale offers the U.S. the opportunity to facilitate the political transition currently underway and build additional links to the Iraqi military.

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

There will be a competition between the contractors in joint negotiations for Contractor Engineering Technical Services. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale may require the assignment of up to four representatives to support Contractor Engineering Technical Services in Iraq for two years.

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

##### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Request for Public Scoping Comments

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and the regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508), the Department of the Navy (DON) announces its intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). This SEIS supplements the Navy's 1999 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), "Developing Home Port Facilities for Three NIMITZ-Class Aircraft Carriers in Support of the U.S. Pacific Fleet," as authorized by the Record of Decision (ROD) dated January 28, 2000 and

published in the **Federal Register** on February 8, 2000 (65 FR 6181). The limited purpose of this SEIS is to supplement the traffic analysis contained in the 1999 FEIS, to assess potential new information, validate impacts to traffic and to analyze the effectiveness of existing traffic mitigation measures implemented per the 2000 ROD when three CVNs home ported at Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI), California are simultaneously in port.

Completion of the SEIS is necessary under 40 CFR 1502.9 to assess potential new information and to validate impacts