

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: July 12, 2013.

**P. Michael Payne,**

*Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-C-2013-0036]

#### Extension of Comment Period for Request of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for Public Comments: Voluntary Best Practices Study

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) is extending until August 21, 2013, the period for public comment regarding the processes, data metrics, and methodologies that could be used to assess the effectiveness of cooperative agreements and other voluntary initiatives to reduce intellectual property infringement that occurs on-line—such as copyright piracy and trademark counterfeiting. The USPTO is extending the public comment period to

ensure stakeholders have adequate time to submit complete responses.

**DATES:** To be ensured of consideration written comments should be received on or before August 21, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted electronically via <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number PTO-C-2013-0036. Submissions should contain the term “Voluntary Best Practices Study.” The [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site is a Federal E-Government Web site that allows the public to find, review and submit comments on documents that have published in the **Federal Register** and that are open for comment. Submissions filed via the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site will be available to the public for review and inspection. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary business information.

If you are unable to provide submissions to [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), you may contact the Office of Chief Economist by telephone at (571) 272-6900, or by email at [saurabh.vishnubhakat@uspto.gov](mailto:saurabh.vishnubhakat@uspto.gov), to arrange for an alternate method of transmission.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Saurabh Vishnubhakat, Expert Advisor, Office of Chief Economist, by telephone at (571) 272-6900, or by email at [saurabh.vishnubhakat@uspto.gov](mailto:saurabh.vishnubhakat@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 20, 2013, the USPTO published a request for comments on the processes, data metrics, and methodologies that could be used to assess the effectiveness of cooperative agreements and other voluntary initiatives to reduce intellectual property infringement that occurs on-line—such as copyright

piracy and trademark counterfeiting. The USPTO is now extending the period for submission of public comments until August 21, 2013.

Dated: July 12, 2013.

**Teresa Stanek Rea,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 13-39]

#### 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 July 21, 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, Transmittals 13-39 with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: July 12, 2013.

**Aaron Siegel,**

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

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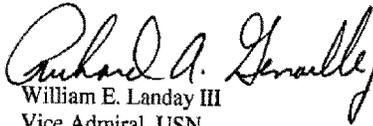
The Honorable John A. Boehner  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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. 13-39, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Greece for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$250 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a press statement to notify the public of this proposed sale.

You will also find attached a certification as required by Section 620C(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, that this action is consistent with the principles set forth in subsection 620C(b) of that Act as codified in section 2373 of title 22, United States Code.

Sincerely,

*For*   
William E. Landay III  
Vice Admiral, USN  
Director

Enclosures:

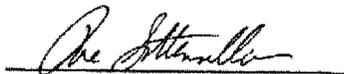
1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification
3. Section 620C(d)



**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO § 620C(d)  
OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED**

Pursuant to Section 620C(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the Act), Executive Order 12163 and State Department Delegation of Authority No. 293-2, I hereby certify that the furnishing to Greece of spare parts and services for F100-PW-229 engines for the Hellenic Air Force F-16 aircraft is consistent with the principles contained in Section 620C(b) of the Act.

This certification will be made part of the notification to Congress under Section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, regarding the proposed sale of the above-named articles and services and is based on the justification accompanying such notification, of which such justification constitutes a full explanation.



Rose Gottemoeller  
Acting Under Secretary of State  
for Arms Control and International  
Security

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Transmittal No. 13-39

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:* Government of Greece

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

|                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$0 million          |
| Other .....              | \$250 million        |
| <b>TOTAL .....</b>       | <b>\$250 million</b> |

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

(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:* Spare parts and services for F100-PW-229 engines for Hellenic Air Force F-16 aircraft, to include: Inlet/Fan Modules, Core Engine Modules, Rear Compressor Drive Turbines, Fan Drive Turbine Modules, Augmentor Duct and Nozzle Modules, and Gearbox Modules. In addition, the proposed sale will include support equipment, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor technical, engineering,

logistics support services, and other related elements of program support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Air Force (QCG).

(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:* 11 July 2013.

## POLICY JUSTIFICATION

*Greece—Spare Parts and Services for F100-PW-229 Engines*

The Government of Greece has requested the purchase of spare parts and services for F100-PW-229 engines for the Hellenic Air Force F-16 aircraft, to include: Inlet/Fan Modules, Core Engine Modules, Rear Compressor Drive Turbines, Fan Drive Turbine Modules, Augmentor Duct and Nozzle Modules, and Gearbox Modules. In addition, the proposed sale will include support equipment, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor technical, engineering, and logistics support services, and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$250 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 NATO ally.

The uninterrupted supply of spare parts and support will ensure the Hellenic Air Force sustains its aircraft fleet at the highest state of readiness to face any potential threats.

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

The proposed sale will not be for one sole source contract for this sale. There are no known 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 or contractor representatives to Greece.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2013-ICCD-0093]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Program for International Student Assessments (PISA) Validation Study**

**AGENCY:** IES/NCES, Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a new information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 16, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments submitted in response to this notice should be

submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2013-ICCD-0093 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E105, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Electronically mail [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please do not send comments here.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Program for International Student Assessments (PISA) Validation Study.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-NEW.

*Type of Review:* New information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 5,810.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 2,240.

*Abstract:* PISA (Program for International Student Assessment), is an international assessment of 15-year-olds designed to evaluate, at the end of compulsory education, how well students are prepared for further education or entry into the workforce and, more fundamentally, to contribute to society as functioning young adults (OMB #1850-0755). However, PISA has been implemented as a cross-sectional study and, thus, the claim that PISA assesses key competencies for later success has never been tested in the United States. What is lacking is an empirical linkage between PISA and measures of successful transition from high school to postsecondary education, the workforce, or the types of skills required for successful participation in adult life. This study is designed to provide this empirical linkage. Students in the U.S. who participated in PISA in 2012 and supplied contact information will be contacted in early 2013 and invited to participate in the PISA Validation Study. In 2015, when these students will be 18 years old, they will be asked to complete an online questionnaire and assessment, based on those used in the Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC), assessing their literacy, numeracy, and problem-solving skills, and asking them about their educational attainment, education and work experiences, skills used in daily life, and aspects of health and well-being. This submission is for address updates of both filed trial and main study sample members, and will be followed in 2014 by requests for field test and main study recruitment and data collections activities.

Dated: July 11, 2013.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.*

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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

**Proposed Information Collection—2014 Election Administration and Voting Survey; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act* of 1995, EAC announces an information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions