

## BILLING CODE 5001-06-C

Transmittal No. 17-69

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 Japan

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Major Defense Equipment * .. | \$123.0 million |
| Other .....                  | \$ 10.3 million |
| Total .....                  | \$133.3 million |

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

*Major Defense Equipment (MDE):*

Four (4) Standard Missile-3 (SM-3)

Block IIA Missiles

*Non-MDE:*

Also included are four (4) MK 29 missile canisters, U.S. Government and contractor representatives' technical assistance, transportation, engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Navy (JA-P-ATB)

(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 Attached Annex

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to*

Congress: January 9, 2018

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

## POLICY JUSTIFICATION

## Japan—Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Block IIA Missiles

The Government of Japan has requested a possible sale of four (4) Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Block IIA missiles. Also included are four (4) MK 29 missile canisters, U.S. Government and contractor representatives' technical assistance, transportation, engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total case value is \$133.3 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the security of a major ally that has been, and continues to be, a force for political stability and economic progress in the Asia-Pacific region.

The proposed sale will provide Japan with an increased ballistic missile defense capability to assist in defending the Japanese homeland and U.S.

personnel stationed there. Japan will have no difficulty absorbing these additional munitions and support into the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF).

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

The principal contractors will be Raytheon Missile Systems, Tucson, AZ (SM-3); and BAE Systems, Minneapolis, MN (MK 29). There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require annual trips to Japan involving U.S. Government and contractor representatives for technical reviews, support, and oversight for approximately five years.

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

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Annex

Item No. vii

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. The proposed sale will involve the release of sensitive technology to the Government of Japan related to the Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Block IIA missile. The ship- or ground-launched SM-3 Block IIA is the most recent iteration in the SM-3 family. It has two distinct new features: larger rocket motors that will allow it to defend broader areas from ballistic missile threats; and a larger kinetic warhead. The kinetic warhead has been enhanced, improving the search, discrimination, acquisition and tracking functions, to address emerging threats. Once enclosed in the canister, the SM-3 Block IIA missile is classified CONFIDENTIAL. The optics hardware and signal processor are classified SECRET.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of specific hardware, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapons system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

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

4. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of Japan.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

## Office of the Secretary

**Defense Intelligence Agency National Intelligence University Board of Visitors; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Intelligence University, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the National Intelligence University Board of Visitors has been scheduled. The meeting is closed to the public.

**DATES:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 (7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) and Wednesday, January 24, 2018 (7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.).

**ADDRESSES:** Defense Intelligence Agency, 7400 Pentagon, ATTN: NIU, Washington, DC 20301-7400.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. J. Scott Cameron, President, DIA National Intelligence University, Bethesda, MD 20816, Phone: (301) 243-2118.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Designated Federal Officer and the Department of Defense, the National Intelligence University Board of Visitors was unable to provide public notification concerning its meeting on January 23-24, 2018, as required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a). Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

*Purpose:* The Board will discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the Director, DIA, as to the successful accomplishment of the mission assigned to the National Intelligence University.

*Agenda:* The following topics are listed on the National Intelligence University Board of Visitors meeting agenda: Welcome by President and Board Chair; Accreditation Update; the Research Mission; Congressional Update, Board Business; Executive Sessions; Working Lunch with IC Senior Leaders.

The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and therefore will be closed. Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the National Intelligence University Board of Visitors about its mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting of the National Intelligence University Board of Visitors. All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the National Intelligence University Board of Visitors, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Contact information for the Designated Federal Officer can be obtained from the GSA's FACA Database—<http://www.facadatabase.gov/>.

Dated: January 12, 2018.

**Aaron Siegel,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Petroleum Council; Notice of Renewal

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act and in accordance with Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 102.3.65, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the National Petroleum Council has been renewed for a two-year period.

The Council will continue to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to oil and natural gas, and the oil and natural gas industries. The Secretary of Energy has determined that renewal of the National Petroleum Council is essential to the conduct of the Department's business and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed by law upon the Department of Energy. The Council will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the General Services

Administration Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, and other directives and instructions issued in implementation of those Acts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Nancy Johnson at (202) 586–6458

Issued at Washington, DC on January 8, 2018.

**Wayne D. Smith,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Agency Information Collection Extension

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years, an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before March 19, 2018. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to Sharon Archer by fax at 202–287–1349 or by email to [Sharon.Archer@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Sharon.Archer@hq.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Sharon Archer at 202–287–1739 or by fax at 202–287–1349 or by email at [Sharon.Archer@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Sharon.Archer@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No.: 1910–4100; (2)

Information Collection Request Title: Procurement Requirements; (3) Type of Review: Renewal; (4) Purpose: Under 48 CFR part 952 and subpart 970.52, DOE must collect certain types of information from those seeking to do business with the Department or those awarded contracts by the Department. This package contains information collections necessary for the solicitation, award, administration, and closeout of procurement contracts. (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,469; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 7,469; (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 670,833; (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$52,995,807.

**Statutory Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 2201.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 12, 2017.

**John Bashista,**

*Director, Office of Acquisition Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Nuclear Security Administration

#### Defense Programs Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Office of Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a closed meeting of the Defense Programs Advisory Committee (DPAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**. Due to national security considerations, the meeting will be closed to the public and matters to be discussed are exempt from public disclosure under Executive Order 13526 and the Atomic Energy Act of 1954.

**DATES:** February 2, 2018, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dana Hunter, Office of RDT&E (NA–11), National Nuclear Security Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 287–6287.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Background:* The DPAC provides advice and recommendations to the Deputy Administrator for Defense