

overseas location to determine the feasibility of receiving appropriate services in that location. The information is used by the Military Service's personnel offices for purposes of assignment only. DD Form 2792 and/or DD 2792-1 will also be completed for family members of civilian employees to document their special health and/or educational needs in order to advise the civilian employee of the availability of the needed services.

Dated: May 2, 2006.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

[No. DoD-2006-HA-0016]

**Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 12, 2006.

*Title and OMB Number:* Viability of TRICARE Standard Survey; OMB Control Number 0720-0031.

*Type of Request:* Revision.

*Number of Respondents:* 40,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 40,000.

*Average Burden per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 3,333.

*Needs and Uses:* As mandated by Congress, confidential surveys of civilian physicians will be completed in TRICARE market areas within the United States to determine how many accept new TRICARE Standard patients in each market area. At least 20 TRICARE market areas in the United States will be conducted each fiscal year until all TRICARE market areas in the United States have been surveyed.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. John Kraemer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Kraemer at the Office of Management and Budget, DoD Health Desk Officer, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD/Information Management Division, 1777 North Kent Street, RPN, Suite 11000, Arlington, VA 22209-2133.

Dated: May 2, 2006.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 06-29]

**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. J. Hurd, DSCA/DBO/ADM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 06-29 with attached transmittal and policy justification.  
May 4, 2006.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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

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## DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

O 2 MAY 2006

In reply refer to:  
I-06/004488

The 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, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 06-29, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Japan for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$147 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 International Relations  
Committee on Armed Services  
Committee on Appropriations

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations  
Committee on Armed Services  
Committee on Appropriations

## Transmittal No. 06-29

**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:** Japan
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- |                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 0 million         |
| Other                    | <u>\$147 million</u> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>\$147 million</b> |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** four sets of Airborne Early Warning (AEW) and Command, Control and Communications (C<sup>3</sup>) mission equipment/Radar System Improvement Program (RSIP) Group A and B kits, for subsequent installation and checkout in four previously procured E-767 Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS). In addition, this proposed sale will include related spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, services and other related program elements to ensure complete AWACS mission equipment supportability.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (QDE)
- (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:** 0 2 MAY 2006

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

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**POLICY JUSTIFICATION****Japan – Mission Equipment for AWACS Aircraft**

The Government of Japan has requested a possible sale of four sets of Airborne Early Warning (AEW) and Command, Control and Communications (C<sup>3</sup>) mission equipment/Radar System Improvement Program (RSIP) Group A and B kits, for subsequent installation and checkout in four previously procured E-767 Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS). In addition, this proposed sale will include related spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, services and other related program elements to ensure complete AWACS mission equipment supportability. The estimated cost is \$147 million.

Japan is one of the major political and economic powers in East Asia and the Western Pacific and a key ally of the United States in ensuring peace and stability in that region. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist Japan to develop and maintain a strong and ready self-defense capability, which will contribute to an acceptable military balance in the region. This proposed sale is consistent with these U.S. objectives and with the 1960 Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

Japan previously purchased four sets of AWACS mission equipment and needs this additional mission equipment to continue its development of an extended Airborne Early Warning (AEW) capability as well as enhanced command, control and communications (C<sup>3</sup>). Japan will have no difficulty absorbing the additional AWACS aircraft into its armed forces.

The prime contractor will be Boeing Aerospace Company in Seattle, Washington. 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 U.S. Government and contractor representatives to Japan.

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



## DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

0 4 MAY 2006  
In reply refer to:  
I-06/004488

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS SERVICES

SUBJECT: Publication of 36(b)(1) Notification in the Federal Register

Public Law 104-164, dated 21 July 1996, requires 36(b)(1) arms sales notifications to be published in the Federal Register.

It is requested that the attached 36(b)(1) notification, Transmittal No. 06-29, be published in the Federal Register. Also, attached are copies of internal documents indicating DSCA General Counsel and DOD/OGC concurrences.

My POC is Janet M. Hurd, DSCA/DBO/ADM, Phone 703-604-6575. Please forward a copy of the federal register published transmittal to Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Business Operations, Administration & Management, 201 12<sup>th</sup> Street South, Suite 203, Arlington, VA 22202-5408.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith B. Webster".

Keith B. Webster  
Principal Director  
Business Operations

## Enclosures:

1. USDP Staff Summary Sheet
2. DoD Document Notice
3. Formal Notification Package