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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 99-14]

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 Pub. L. 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 99-14, with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: May 3, 1999.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

22 APR 1999
In reply refer to:
I-99/04254

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. 99-14, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to New Zealand for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$397 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MS Davison".

MICHAEL S. DAVISON, JR.
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USA
DIRECTOR

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. 99-14**Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act**

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** New Zealand
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- | | |
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| Major Defense Equipment* | \$270 million |
| Other | <u>\$127 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$397 million |
- (iii) **Description of Articles or Services Offered:** Twenty-eight F-16A/B Block 15 aircraft, 28 F-100-PW-200E engines, 12 ALQ-131 Block II pods, 12 Litening II targeting pods, spare and repair parts, devices, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services and other related elements of logistics to ensure long-term program support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (NAK and SBA)
- (v) **Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:** None
- (vi) **Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:** See Annex attached
- (vii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 22 APR 1999

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION**New Zealand - F-16A/B Block 15 Aircraft**

The Government of New Zealand has requested a possible sale of 28 F-16A/B Block 15 aircraft, 28 F-100-PW-200E engines, 12 ALQ-131 Block II pods, 12 Litening II targeting pods, spare and repair parts, devices, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services and other related elements of logistics to ensure long-term program support. The estimated cost is \$397 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 Southwestern Pacific region.

These F-16A/B aircraft will be used to increase New Zealand's small fighter inventory and eventually replace their aging fleet of A-4 aircraft, as well as enhance its interoperability with U.S. forces. New Zealand will use these aircraft to modernize its air defense capability and will have no difficulty absorbing them into its inventory.

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

The prime contractor will be Lockheed Martin, Fort Worth, Texas. There are no offset agreements proposed to be entered into in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of one U.S. Government personnel and two contractor representatives for two years in-country.

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

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Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act****Annex
Item No. vi****(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The F-16A/B Block 15 weapon system is unclassified, except as mention below. Sensitive elements of the F-16A/B Block 15 aircraft include the Pratt and Whitney F-100-PW-220E engine, AN/ALR-69 Radar Warning Receiver, AN/APG-66 radar, the fly-by-wire flight control system and the diagnostics in the Avionics Intermediate Shop. The system design notes on the software architecture are also critical elements. Classified elements of the F-16A/B include the F-100 engine infrared signature, AN/ALE-40 Chaff/Flare Dispenser, radar software documentation, six Line Replaceable Units and Operational Flight Program (OFP) of the AN/ALR-69, the OFP of the Fire Control Computer, and operating manuals and maintenance technical orders containing performance information, operating and test procedures, weapons delivery information, repair procedures, and other information related to support operation and repair at the organizational and intermediate levels. The hardware, software, and data identified are classified to protect vulnerabilities, design and performance parameters, munitions related data, and similar critical information.

2. The F-100 engine and the associated component parts used in F-16A/B aircraft are unclassified. However, several manufacturing processes, design practices, and metallurgical fabrication techniques used are advanced technology methods found only with the U.S. propulsion industry. The sale of F-100 engines to New Zealand will not include the transfer of sensitive technology as the sale does not include sensitive manufacturing, design, or metallurgical processes or information.

3. The AN/ALQ-131 Block II Electronic Countermeasures system consists of pods, support equipment, and support documentation. The AN/ALQ-131 pod is an advanced tactical system designed for use on high performance aircraft. The Block II support equipment contains all equipment required to maintain the pod at the intermediate and organizational level. The external view of these end items is unclassified, but some internal components are classified. Related documentation to successfully operate and support the items at the intermediate and organizational level will be released. Classified hardware elements of the AN/ALQ-131 pod include the antenna transmitter group and receiver processor assemblies classified Confidential. Some end item hardware, software, operational techniques and other data are classified at the Confidential and Secret level.

4. The Litening II navigation and targeting pod is a joint development of Rafael (Israel) and Northrup-Grumman (U.S.). The pod and all subsystems are Unclassified but contain technology representing the latest state-of-the-art in several areas. Sensitive elements include the Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) navigation system which includes a zoom future but does not provide a terrain following capability.

5. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, it might be able to develop countermeasures or countertactics which could reduce weapon system effectiveness. Of additional concern, but requiring a much longer exploitation period, is the possibility such information could be used in the development of a systems with similar or advanced capabilities.

6. A determination has been made that New Zealand can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This 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

**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION**

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0083]

**Proposed Collection; Comment
Request Entitled Qualification
Requirements**

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0083).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Qualification Requirements. This OMB clearance currently expires on August 31, 1999.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before July 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRS), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ralph DeStefano, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1758.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Under the Qualified Products Program, an end item, or a component thereof, may be required to be prequalified. The solicitation at FAR 52.209-1, Qualification Requirements, requires offerors who have met the qualification requirements to identify the offeror's name, the manufacturer's name, source's name, the item name, service identification, and test number (to the extent known).

The contracting officer uses the information to determine eligibility for award when the clause at 52.209-1 is included in the solicitation. The offeror must insert the offeror's name, the manufacturer's name, source's name, the item name, service identification, and test number (to the extent known). Alternatively, items not yet listed may be considered for award upon the submission of evidence of qualification with the offer.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 2,207; responses per respondent, 100; total annual responses, 220,700; preparation hours per response, .25; and total response burden hours, 55,175.

OBTAINING COPIES OF PROPOSALS: Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRS), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 208-7312. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0083, Qualification Requirements, in all correspondence.

Dated: May 4, 1999.

Edward C. Loeb,

Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

**Meeting of the Advisory Council on
Dependents' Education**

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Advisory Council on Dependents' Education (ACDE) is scheduled to be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 26, 1999. The meeting will be open to the public and will be held in the 9th floor conference room at the Department of Defense Education Activity, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1635. The purpose of the meeting is to recommend to the Director, Department of Defense Dependents' Schools (DoDDS), general policies for the operation of the DoDDS; to provide the Director, DoDDS, with information about effective educational programs and practices that should be considered by DoDDS; and to perform other tasks as may be required by the Secretary of Defense. The focus of this meeting will be on the Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS) and inclusion of DDESS representation on the ACDE. For further information contact Ms. Polly Purser at 703-696-4235, extension 1911.

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