extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. The Department of Defense (DoD) invites comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection for use through November 30, 2000. DoD proposes that OMB approve an extension of the information collection requirement, to expire 3 years after the approval date.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 2, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection to: Joint Electronic Commerce Program Office, Headquarters, Defense Logistics Agency, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Attention: Ms. J. Lisa Romney, Ft. Belvoir, VA, 22060–6205. E-mail comments submitted via the Internet should be addressed to: lisa romney@hq.dla.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request further information on the proposed information collection, please write to the above address or call Ms. J. Lisa Romney at (703) 767–6920.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Central Contractor Registration (CCR), OMB Control Number 0704– 0400.

Needs and Uses: The CCR provides a single point of entry for vendors that want to do business with the DoD. As of June 1, 1998, both current and potential DoD vendors are required to register in the CCR in order to do business with the DoD if the contract solicitation occurred after May 31, 1998. Vendors are required to complete a onetime registration to provide basic information relevant to procurement and financial transactions. Vendors must update or renew their registration annually to maintain an active status. The CCR validates the vendor's information and electronically shares the secure and encrypted data with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) to facilitate paperless payments through electronic funds transfer (EFT). Additionally, CCR shares the data with several government procurement and electronic business systems.

Affected Public: Businesses or Other For-Profit; Not-For-Profit Institutions Annual Burden Hours: 300,000 Number of Respondents: 300,000 Responses to Respondents: 1 Average Burden per Response: 1 hour Frequency: On Occasion

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### **Summary of Information Collection**

In October 1993, the President issued a memorandum that mandated the Government reform its acquisition processes. Subsequently, the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act (FASA) of 1994 was passed, requiring the establishment of a "single face to industry." To accomplish this, DoD identified a centralized, electronic registration process known as Central Contractor Registration (CCR) as the single point of entry for vendors that want to do business with the DoD. To this end, Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS),

Subpart 204.7300, requires vendors to register in the CCR to conduct business with the DoD. Prospective vendors must be registered in CCR prior to the award of a contract, basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or blanket purchase agreement, unless the award results from a solicitation issued on or before May 31, 1998.

Dated: July 26, 2000.

### 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. 00-45]

#### 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 P.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 00–45 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: July 26, 2000.

### Patricia L. Toppings,

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#### **DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY**

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

10 JUL 2000 In reply refer to: I-00/006822

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. 00-45, concerning the

Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Japan

for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$27 million. Soon after this letter is

delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

DEPUTY 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. 00-45

# Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

- (i) Prospective Purchaser: Japan
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment\* \$ 23 million
Other \$ 4 million
TOTAL \$ 27 million

- (iii) <u>Description of Articles or Services Offered</u>: Sixteen SM-2 Block III STANDARD missiles, containers, canisters, spare and repair parts, supply support, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) Military Department: Navy (AOI)
- (v) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None
- (vi) <u>Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services</u>
  <u>Proposed to be Sold:</u> See Annex attached
- (vii) <u>Date Report Delivered to Congress</u>: 10 JUL 2000

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

# **POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

# Japan - SM-2 Block III STANDARD Missiles

The Government of Japan has requested a possible sale of 16 SM-2 Block III STANDARD missiles, containers, canisters, spare and repair parts, supply support, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$27 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 East Asia.

Japan will use these missiles to update older or less reliable missiles currently in the Japanese Self Defense Force fleet. Japan, which already has STANDARD missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.

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

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems Company of Tucson, Arizona. There are no 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 Japan.

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

### Transmittal No. 00-45

# Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

# Annex Item No. vi

# (vi) Sensitivity of Technology:

- 1. The possible sale of STANDARD SM-2 missiles will result in the transfer of sensitive technology and information as well as classified and unclassified defense equipment and technical data. The STANDARD missile guidance section, Target Detecting Device (TDD), warhead, rocket motor, steering control section, safety and arming unit, and autopilot battery unit are classified Secret. Certain operating frequencies and performance characteristics are classified Secret. STANDARD missile documentation to be provided will include:
  - a. Parametric documents (C)
  - b. Missile Handling Procedures (U)
  - c. General Performance Data (C)
  - d. Firing Guidance
  - e. Dynamics Information (C)
  - f. Flight Analysis Procedures (C)
- 2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapon 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 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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