

Program. Discussions scheduled to begin at 8:45 a.m. and to end at 9:50 a.m. and to begin at 3 p.m. and to end at 3:45 p.m. on May 14, 2002 on the ATP budget issues and staffing of positions will be closed. All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Carolyn Stull no later than Thursday, May 9, 2002, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Ms. Stull's e-mail address is [carolyn.stull@nist.gov](mailto:carolyn.stull@nist.gov) and her phone number is 301/975-5607.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene May 14, 2002, at 8:45 a.m. and will adjourn at 3:45 p.m. on May 14, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building, Lecture Room A, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. Please note admittance instructions under SUMMARY paragraph.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carolyn J. Stull, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1004, telephone number (301) 975-5607.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on January 3, 2002, that portions of the meeting of the Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee which involve discussion of proposed funding of the Advanced Technology Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meetings will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of meetings which involve discussion of staffing of positions in ATP may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: April 25, 2002.

**Arden L. Bement, Jr.,**  
*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042602G]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 984-1587-01

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Terrie Williams, Department of Biology, University of California at Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA 95064 has been issued a minor amendment to scientific research Permit No. 984-1587-00.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Sloan or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

This amendment extends the expiration date for holding and conducting research on three California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) from April 30, 2002, to September 30, 2002.

Dated: April 26, 2002.

**Eugene T. Nitta,**

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

[FR Doc. 02-10951 Filed 5-1-02; 8:45 am]

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

#### Proposed Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the USPTO

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the availability of the agency's draft report providing guidelines to ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information disseminated by the agency. These guidelines also detail the administrative mechanisms developed by the USPTO to allow affected persons to seek and obtain appropriate correction of information maintained and disseminated by the agency that does not comply with the OMB or the agency guidelines. This notice and guidelines are required by section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for FY 2001 (Pub. L. 106-554) and the OMB Guidelines published on January 3, 2002, at 67 FR 369-378 (reprinted February 5, 2002, at 67 FR 5365). This notice also provides an opportunity for public comment. To be considered, comments must be received by May 31, 2002, at the address set forth below.

**ADDRESSES:** USPTO's draft report is available for public inspection and comment at USPTO's Web site, [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bruce Cox, Director, Information Products Division, [Bruce.Cox@uspto.gov](mailto:Bruce.Cox@uspto.gov) (703) 306-2606; or Christopher Leithiser, Information Products Division, [Chris.Leithiser@uspto.gov](mailto:Chris.Leithiser@uspto.gov) (703) 306-2622.

Dated: April 26, 2002.

**James E. Rogan,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 02-16]

#### 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 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 02-16 with  
attached transmittal, policy justification,  
and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: April 26, 2002.  
**Patricia L. Toppings,**  
*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison  
Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

**10 APR 2002**  
**In reply refer to:**  
**I-02/001557**

**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 (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 02-16, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Oman for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$42 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

  
TOME H. WALTERS, JR.  
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USAF  
DIRECTOR

**Attachments**

**Same ltr to: House Committee on International Relations**  
**Senate Committee on Appropriations**  
**Senate Committee on Foreign Relations**  
**House Committee on Armed Services**  
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**House Committee on Appropriations**

## Transmittal No. 02-16

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

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** Oman
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 36 million       |
| Other                    | \$ <u>6 million</u> |
| TOTAL                    | \$ 42 million       |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 50,000 20mm high explosive projectiles, 50,000 20mm training projectiles, 300 MK-82 500 lb general purpose bombs, 200 MK-83 1,000 lb general purpose bombs, 100 enhanced GBU-12 Paveway II 500 lb laser guided bomb kits, 50 GBU-31(v)3/B Joint Direct Attack Munitions, 50 CBU-97/105 sensor fuzed weapon, 20,000 RR-170 self-protection chaff, 20,000 MJU-7B self-protection flares, support equipment, software development/integration, modification kits, spares and repair parts, flight test instrumentation, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistical and program support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (YXX)
- (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 Annex attached
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 10 APR 2002

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

## POLICY JUSTIFICATION

### Oman – Munitions in Support of F-16C/D Aircraft

The Government of Oman has requested a possible sale of 50,000 20mm high explosive projectiles, 50,000 20mm training projectiles, 300 MK-82 500 lb general purpose bombs, 200 MK-83 1,000 lb general purpose bombs, 100 enhanced GBU-12 Paveway II 500 lb laser guided bomb kits, 50 GBU-31(v)3/B Joint Direct Attack Munitions, 50 CBU-97/105 sensor fuzed weapon, 20,000 RR-170 self-protection chaff, 20,000 MJU-7B self-protection flares, support equipment, software development/integration, modification kits, spares and repair parts, flight test instrumentation, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$42 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 Middle East.

Oman requires a multi-role fighter aircraft and the appropriate munitions capable of performing all missions while maintaining readiness with an efficient maintenance and support infrastructure. The Royal Air Force of Oman must be capable of countering a large-scale maritime attack, to protect its coastline, desalinization plants, and oil fields. The proposed sale of the systems will enhance Oman's defensive capability against hostile attack and it will have no difficulty absorbing these weapons/munitions into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractors will be Raytheon Company of Goleta, California and The Boeing Company of St. Charles, Missouri. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will require five U.S. Government and three contractor representatives for one-week intervals, twice annually, to participate in program management and technical reviews. Contractor representatives specializing in various skills and disciplines will be required to provide in-country support for an short period of time. The specific requirements for this support will be established during program definition between representatives of the USG and Oman.

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

## Transmittal No. 02-16

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

**Annex  
Item No. vii**

**(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The 20mm projectiles are improved ammunition specifically for U.S. high-performance aircraft cannon. The rimless, bottlenecked case may be of brass or steel and is electrically primed using the M52A3B1 primer. Projectiles are of conventional pattern and weigh from 98 to 105 g, the IMR 7013, WC 870 or WC 872 propellant charge being regulated to give a muzzle velocity of 1,030 m/s. Data on these projectiles is Unclassified.

2. The GBU-12 500 lb weapon contains laser guidance kit and tail assembly for MK-82 general-purpose bomb. The hardware is Unclassified and the ballistics are Confidential. The laser seeker allows the user to select a unique code for use in a multi-laser environment and reduce the probability of interference among multiple weapons.

3. The GBU-31(v)3/B Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) is a tail kit under development to produce a weapon with high accuracy, all-weather, autonomous, conventional bombing capability. JDAM will upgrade the existing inventory of general purpose and penetrator unitary bombs, and a product improvement may add a terminal seeker to improve accuracy. Information on JDAM ranges in classification from Unclassified to Confidential.

4. The RR-170 Self-protection chaff is a passive expendable for self-protection of fighter aircraft to counter radar guided missiles. The data on the exact makeup of the chaff bundle are Confidential, as are the techniques associated with countering various radars.

5. The MJU-7B Self-protection flare is an expendable for protection of fighter aircraft from heat-seeking air-to-air or surface to-air-missiles. The flare provides an alternate heat source for the missiles to track. The exact performance data of the flare are Confidential, as are the techniques for countering the various infrared missiles.

6. The MK-82 and MK-83 General purpose bombs are free-fall, unguided bombs used on a variety of fighter and bomber aircraft. These weapons rely on blast, fragmentation, and incendiary effects to neutralize ground-based targets. The data on these weapons are Unclassified.

7. The CBU-97/105 Sensor Fuzed Weapon is a cluster bomb weapon for use against light armor. This weapon utilizes "smart" technology to identify vehicles and equipment, and directs individual "bomblets" toward those particular targets. This leaves a "clean" battlefield for follow-on troops. The data on this weapon range from Unclassified to Confidential.

8. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware in this proposed sale, 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 advance capabilities.

9. This proposed sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification. Moreover, the benefits to be derived from this proposed sale, as outlined in the Policy Justification, outweigh the potential damage that could result if the sensitive technology were revealed to unauthorized persons.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**[Transmittal No. 02-18]**

**36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification**

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**ACTION:** Notice.

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**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 02-18 with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: April 26, 2002.

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

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