

Transmittal No. 08-51

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 XM982 Excalibur Projectile is a family of precision, extended-range modular projectiles incorporating three unique payload capabilities divided into Block configurations. Block I consists of high-explosive, fragmenting, or penetrating unitary munitions to enhance traditional fire support operations with increased range, improved accuracy, and reduced collateral damage against personnel, light material, and structure targets. It provides capability to attack all three key target sets, soft and armored vehicles, and reinforced bunkers, out to ranges exceeding current 155mm family of artillery munitions. An internal Global Positioning System (GPS) updates the inertial navigation system, providing precision guidance and improved accuracy. Excalibur is effective in all weather and terrain. The target, platform location, and GPS-specific data are inductively entered into the projectile's mission computer, located in the nose of the projectile.

2. The XM982 and M982 projectile and components are Unclassified; however, the terminal effects, target effects, GPS Anti-Jam vulnerabilities and render safe procedures are classified Secret. The Modular Artillery Charge System is Unclassified. Embedded within the XM982 and M982 projectiles are fuze components with technologies (the know-how, documentation, software) considered critical, the disclosure of which could result in an adversary developing countermeasures to cause premature operation of the fuze, thus lessening the effect of the projectile. The hardware, software, and data identified are classified to protect vulnerabilities, design and performance parameters, and similar critical information.

3. 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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID: DoD-2008-OS-0045]

**Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Industrial Policy (ODUSD(IP)) announces a proposed information

collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 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.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 7, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

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

• Mail: Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

*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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection, please write to the Office of the Deputy Under

Secretary of Defense for Industrial Policy, 241 18th Street South, Crystal Square 4, Suite 501, ATTN: Dawn Vehmeier, Arlington, VA 22202, or e-mail us at [Industrial\\_Policy@osd.mil](mailto:Industrial_Policy@osd.mil).

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Foreign Sourcing for Defense Applications; OMB Number 0704-0419.

*Needs and Uses:* The Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Industrial Policy) has been assigned responsibility to determine the extent of foreign sourcing and any relevant impact to on-going programs producing precision munitions, consumables and selected high interest force protection programs.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 500.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 5 hours.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 2,500.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Summary of Information Collection

Specifically, ODUSD(IP) will evaluate the: (1) Extent of foreign sourcing within a sampling of operationally-important products; (2) impact of foreign sourcing on military readiness; and (3) extent to which DoD actions encourage or discourage use of foreign sources. To ensure that it addresses emerging foreign sourcing issues, the Department of Defense (DoD) will collect information from prime contractors and first and second tier subcontractors.

Dated: May 1, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2008-HA-0046]

#### Proposed New Collection, Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces a proposed new information collection and seeks

public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 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.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 7, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and or RIN number and title, by either of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) 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 of contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Force Health Protection and Readiness, ATTN: Caroline Miner, 5113 Leesburg Pike, Suite 901, Falls Church, VA, 22041, or call (703) 575-2677.

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Researcher Responsibilities Form; OMB Number 0720-TBD.

*Needs and Uses:* This collection instrument serves to document researcher's understanding and acceptance of the regulatory and ethical responsibilities for including humans as subjects in research. Principal and co-principal investigators must have the proposed, signed form on file before they may engage in research conducted, sponsored, or supported by entities under the purview of the Under

Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

*Affected Public:* Federal government; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 293.

*Number of Respondents:* 585.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* .50.

*Frequency:* On occasion; original document submitted one time per researcher. Once their document is on file, a researcher may reaffirm their commitment every three years electronically if they remain engaged in human subject research.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Summary of Information Collection

Federal Government institutions wishing to conduct, sponsor, or support research on human subjects must first submit for approval to duly designated authorities an Assurance that they will comply with established guidelines in such research. Such Assurances are granted by components of DoD and by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). New DoD guidance now requires principal and co-principal investigators individually and explicitly to acknowledge that they understand and accept responsibility for protecting the rights and welfare of human research subjects. All principal and co-principal investigators engaged in research supported or conducted under the purview of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness must read and sign a document that attests to their commitment to abide by the provisions of: (a) *The Belmont Report: Ethical Principles and Guidelines for the Protection of Human Subjects of Research*; (b) the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) regulations for the protection of human subjects at Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 219 and DoD Directive 3216.02; (c) the Assurance of the engaged institution; relevant institutional policies and procedures where appropriate; and other Federal, State, or local regulations where appropriate. The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces the intent to establish and use a new document format for this purpose and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Respondents are professionals who have been designated as principal or co-principal investigators. When preparing to initiate work on their first human subject research protocol, each principal investigator and co-principal investigators must assure they have the proposed Researcher Responsibilities form on file with the Office of the Under