POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Spain – Turbine Engines

The Government of Spain has requested a possible sale of 43 T55-GA-714A Turbine Engines, modification and fielding kits, test equipment, technical assistance, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is $73 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the military capabilities of Spain and furthering standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces.

Spain needs these engines to replace those used in the CH-47 Chinook aircraft supporting coalition operations. The proposed sale will enhance Spain's ability to continue to engage in coalition warfare along with the U.S. Army. Spain will have no difficulty absorbing these additional engines into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Honeywell International of Phoenix Arizona. 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 or contractor representatives to Spain.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal 06–42]

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/DBO/ADM, (703) 604–6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 06–42 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: August 1, 2006.

C.R. Choate,

Alternative OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

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In reply refer to:
I-06/007830

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, DC 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. 06-42, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Bahrain for defense articles and services estimated to cost $252 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,

Richard J. Millies
Deputy Director

Enclosures:
1. **Transmittal**
2. **Policy Justification**
3. **Sensitivity of Technology**

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House	Senate
Committee on International Relations	Committee on Foreign Relations
Committee on Armed Services	Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations	Committee on Appropriations

Transmittal No. 06-42

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:** Bahrain

(ii) **Total Estimated Value:**

Major Defense Equipment*	$104 million
Other	$148 million
TOTAL	$252 million

(iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** nine (9) UH-60M BLACK HAWK helicopters, two (2) T700-GE-701D turbine engines, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, contractor engineering, logistics, and technical support services, a quality assurance team, aircraft survivability equipment; tools and test equipment; and other related elements of logistics support.

(iv) **Military Department:** Army (UIR)

(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:** 28 JUL 2006

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Bahrain - UH-60M BLACK HAWK HELICOPTERS

The Government of Bahrain has requested a possible sale of nine (9) UH-60M BLACK HAWK helicopters, two (2) T700-GE-701D turbine engines, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, contractor engineering, logistics, and technical support services, a quality assurance team, aircraft survivability equipment, tools and test equipment, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is $252 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 that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

Bahrain plans to increase its air mobility capabilities and continue its force modernization program. These defense enhancements promote continued interoperability with U.S. forces, assist in the cooperative defense of neighboring states and increase Bahrain's capability as a partner in the Global War on Terror. Additionally, the UH-60M BLACK HAWK Helicopters will supplement Bahrain's existing helicopter fleet.

The UH-60M BLACK HAWK helicopters will be used for various military operations to include the protection of sovereign borders as well as the protection and defense of U.S. and coalition strategic facilities. The proposed purchase of UH-60M BLACK HAWK helicopters will greatly enhance Bahrain's military functionality by increasing deterrence capabilities.

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

The principal contractors will be: Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation of Stratford, Connecticut and General Electric of Fairfield, Connecticut. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of one Contractor Field Service representative to Bahrain for one year to assist in the delivery and deployment of the helicopters. Several U.S. Government representatives will travel to Oman for one-week trips to participate in training, program management, and technical assistance/review.

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

Transmittal No. 06-42

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 UH-60M BLACK HAWK helicopters contain communications and identification equipment, navigation equipment, aircraft survivability equipment, displays and sensors. The airframe itself does not contain sensitive technology. The highest levels of classified information require to be released for training, operation and maintenance of the Black Hawk Helicopters is Unclassified. The highest level that could be revealed through reverse engineering or testing of the end item is secret.

2. The UH-60M BLACK HAWK Helicopters will include the following pertinent equipment listed below, either installed on the aircraft or included in the sale:

a. The AN/APR-39A(V)3, Radar Signal Detecting Set is a system, which provides warning of a radar directed air defense threat to allow appropriate countermeasures. Hardware is classified Confidential when programmed with United States threat data; releasable technical manuals for operation and maintenance are classified Confidential; releasable technical data (technical performance) is classified Secret. The system can be programmed with threat data provided by the purchasing country.

b. The AN/AVR-2A, Laser Warning Set is a passive laser warning system that receives, processes and displays threat information resulting from aircraft illumination by lasers, on the multi-functional display. The hardware is classified Confidential; releasable technical manuals for operation and maintenance are classified secret. Reverse engineering is not a major concern.

c. The AN/ALQ-144A(V)3 Infrared (IR) Jammer is an active, continuous operating, omni-directional, electrically fired IR jammer system designed to confuse or decoy threat IR missile systems, in conjunction with low reflective paint and engine suppressors. Hardware is classified Confidential and releasable technical manuals for operation and maintenance are classified secret. Reverse engineering and development of countermeasures are concerns if the hardware and releasable technical data are compromised to a competent adversary.

d. The M130 Flare and Chaff Dispenser. The Dispenser and Payload Module components dispense decoy objects to confuse threat radar devices. Radar cross section and frequency coverage are sensitive elements. Hardware and the releasable technical publications for operation and maintenance are Unclassified. Aircraft optimization is the critical element; reverse engineering is not a major concern. Additional components are the Control Panel and the Electronics Module that have been integrated in the Weapons Management and Control software.

e. The AN/ALE-47 Countermeasures Dispenser System provides and integrated, reprogrammable, computer controlled system to dispense expendables/decoys to enhance aircraft survivability. The system is designed to employ electronic and infrared countermeasures according to a program developed and implemented by the aircrew. The hardware is Unclassified. Releasable technical manuals for operation and maintenance are classified Secret. Reverse engineering and development of countermeasures are concerns if the hardware and releasable technical data are compromised to a competent adversary.

f. The Hover InfraRed Suppression System (HIRSS) and Improved HIRSS and Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) systems are Unclassified. The FLIR is optional.

g. The 200 Gallon Internal Auxiliary Fuel Tank Kits provide extra range fuel capabilities and allow the helicopter to transport and dispense aviation fuel to aircraft or tactical vehicles at forward landing zones. The tank kit allows for rapid mission changes are is Unclassified. The tank kits are optional.

i. The Six-Man Pole and Litter Mission Kit provides search and rescue capabilities and can be used in a wide range of rescue operations, including tactical, Hazmat and disaster preparation. The kit is Unclassified and considered optional.

j. The AN/ARC-232 Starblazer Airborne Very High Frequency/Ultra High Frequency Multi-band Communications System (Exportable version) supports the requirement for an airborne, multi-band, multi-mission, anti-jam, voice and data network-capable communication system in one small lightweight package qualified to military standards. The system is Unclassified and can be procured without the Electronic Counter Countermeasures waveform that eliminates any releasability issues.

k. The AN/ARC-201E Single Channel Ground/Airborne Subsystem Radio (Exportable) is a tactical airborne radio subsystem that provides secure, anti-jam voice and data communication. There are no releasability issues. The system is Unclassified.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware or software 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.

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