

Transmittal No. 15-39

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:* The United Arab Emirates (UAE)

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment * ..	\$57 million
Other .....	\$278 million

TOTAL ..... \$ 335 million

(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:* four (4) AN/AAQ 24(V) Directional Infrared Countermeasures (DIRCM) systems for its Head of State aircraft. The sale consists of: twenty (20) Small Laser Transmitter Assemblies, ten (10) System Processors, and thirty (30) AN/AAR-54 Missile Warning System sensors. The sale also includes Control Interface Units (CIU), Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Modules (SAASM), Classified User Data Module (UDM) cards, support and test equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, repair and return, Group A and B installation, flight test and certification, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor logistics, engineering, and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Air Force (QAH)

(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 Attached Annex

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:* 28 July 2015

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

**POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

*United Arab Emirates (UAE)—AN/AAQ 24(V) Directional Infrared Countermeasures (DIRCM) Systems*

The United Arab Emirates has requested a possible sale of four (4) AN/AAQ 24(V) Directional Infrared Countermeasures (DIRCM) systems for its Head of State aircraft. The sale consists of: twenty (20) Small Laser Transmitter Assemblies, ten (10) System Processors, and thirty (30) AN/AAR-54 Missile Warning System sensors. The sale also includes Control Interface Units (CIU), Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Modules (SAASM), Classified User Data Module (UDM) cards, support and test equipment, spare and repair

parts, publications and technical documentation, repair and return, Group A and B installation, flight test and certification, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor logistics, engineering, and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated cost is \$335 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 partner country which has been, and continues to be, an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

This proposed sale of DIRCM will help provide protection to the UAE's Head of State aircraft. DIRCM will facilitate a more robust capability against increased missile threats. The sale of this advanced system will enhance the safety of the UAE's political leadership while bolstering U.S.-UAE relations. The UAE will have no difficulty absorbing these systems into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractors will be The Boeing Company in Chicago, Illinois; and Northrop Grumman Corporation in Rolling Meadows, Illinois. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale provides for one Field Service representative to live in the UAE for up to two years. Also, implementation will require U.S. Government or contractor representatives to travel to the UAE for up to 6 years to conduct program execution, delivery, technical support and training.

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

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Annex

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(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

The AN/AAQ-24(V) Directional Infrared Countermeasures (DIRCM) system is a self-contained, directed energy countermeasures system designed to protect aircraft from infrared-guided surface-to-air missiles. The system features digital technology and micro-miniature solid-state electronics. The system operates in all conditions, detecting incoming missiles

and jamming infrared-seeker equipped missiles with aimed bursts of laser energy. The DIRCM system consists of multiple missile warning sensors (AAR-54), one or more Small Laser Turret Assemblies (SLTA), a System Processor (SP) computer, a Control Indicator (CI), and a classified User Data Memory (UDM) card containing the laser jamming codes. The UDM card is loaded into the SP prior to flight; when not in use, the UDM card is removed from the SP and put in secure storage. The AAR-54 missile warning sensors are mounted on the aircraft exterior to provide omnidirectional protection. The sensors detect the rocket plume of missiles and sends appropriate data signals to the CP for processing. The CP analyzes the data from each sensor and automatically deploys the appropriate countermeasure via the SLTA. The CI displays the incoming threat to allow the pilot to take additional appropriate action. The SP also contains Built-In-Test (BIT) circuitry. DIRCM hardware and software, including Operational Flight Program and jam codes are classified Secret. The technical data and documentation to be provided are Unclassified.

If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems which might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

A determination has been made that the UAE can provide 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.

All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the UAE.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No.: ED-2015-ICCD-0075]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Talent Search (TS) Annual Performance Report**

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 14, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2015–ICCD–0075. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E103, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Craig Pooler, 202–502–7640.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the

respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Talent Search (TS) Annual Performance Report.

*OMB Control Number:* 1840–0826.

*Type of Review:* An extension of an existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local and Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 450.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 7,200.

*Abstract:* Talent Search grantees must submit the report annually. The report provides the Department of Education with information needed to evaluate a grantee's performance and compliance with program requirements and to award prior experience points in accordance with the program regulations. The data collection is also aggregated to provide national information on project participants and program outcomes.

Dated: August 11, 2015.

**Kate Mullan,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Applications for New Awards; Rehabilitation Training: Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center-Targeted Communities

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

*Overview Information:* Rehabilitation Training: Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center-Targeted Communities Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2015.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.264F.

**DATES:** *Applications Available:* August 14, 2015.

*Date of Pre-Application Webinar:* August 20, 2015.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* September 14, 2015.

#### Full Text of Announcement

##### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* Under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Rehabilitation Act), as amended by the

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) makes grants to States and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations (including institutions of higher education (IHEs)) to support projects that provide training, traineeships, and technical assistance (TA) designed to increase the numbers of, and improve the skills of, qualified personnel, especially rehabilitation counselors, who are trained to provide vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities; assist individuals with communication and related disorders; and provide other services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act.

*Priority:* This notice includes one absolute priority. This priority is from the notice of final priority and definitions (NFP) for this program, published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

*Absolute Priority:* For FY 2015, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

*Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center-Targeted Communities.*

**Note:** The full text of this priority is included in the NFP for this program, published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, and in the application package for this competition.

**Program Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 772(a)(1). *Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 79, 81, 82, 84, 86, and 99. (b) The Office of Management and Budget Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485. (c) The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended in 2 CFR part 3474. (d) 34 CFR part 385. (e) The NFP published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

**Note:** The regulations in 34 CFR part 79 apply to all applicants except federally recognized Indian tribes.

**Note:** The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to IHEs only.

##### II. Award Information

*Type of Award:* Cooperative agreement.

*Estimated Available Funds:* \$2,500,000.

*Maximum Award:* We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding \$2,500,000 for a single budget