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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEMA proposes to make flood hazard determinations for each community listed below, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed flood hazard determinations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These flood hazard determinations are

used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP.

The communities affected by the flood hazard determinations are provided in the tables below. Any request for reconsideration of the revised flood hazard information shown on the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report that satisfies the data requirements outlined in 44 CFR 67.6(b) is considered an appeal. Comments unrelated to the flood hazard determinations also will be considered before the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

Use of a Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) is available to communities in support of the appeal resolution process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. Use of the SRP only may be exercised after FEMA and local communities have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of an appeal. Additional information

regarding the SRP process can be found online at https://www.floodsrp.org/pdfs/srp_overview.pdf.

The watersheds and/or communities affected are listed in the tables below. The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload> and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables. For communities with multiple ongoing Preliminary studies, the studies can be identified by the unique project number and Preliminary FIRM date listed in the tables. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

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Community	Community map repository address
Richland County, Illinois and Incorporated Areas Project: 20-05-0022S Preliminary Date: October 18, 2023	
City of Olney	City Hall, 300 South Whittle Avenue, Olney, IL 62450.
Unincorporated Areas of Richland County	Richland County Courthouse, 103 West Main Street, Olney, IL 62450.
Village of Claremont	Claremont Fire Station, 110 East North Street, Claremont, IL 62421.
Village of Parkersburg	Village Hall, 103 East Parker Street, Parkersburg, IL 62452.
Isle of Wight County, Virginia and Incorporated Areas Project: 20-03-0037S Preliminary Date: January 15, 2024	
Town of Smithfield	Town Hall, 310 Institute Street, Smithfield, VA 23430.
Town of Windsor	Municipal Building, 8 East Windsor Boulevard, Windsor, VA 23487.
Unincorporated Areas of Isle of Wight County	Isle of Wight County Community Development Building, 17090 Monument Circle, Isle of Wight, VA 23397.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 23-02]

Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Arms sales notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 36(b)(1) arms sales notification is

published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives with attached Transmittal 23-02, Policy Justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: September 9, 2024.

Aaron T. Siegel,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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**DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY**

2800 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-2800

March 16, 2023

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-209, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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. 23-02, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$895 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Hursch".

James A. Hursch
Director

Enclosures:

1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification
3. Sensitivity of Technology

Transmittal No. 23–02

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*: Government of Australia

(ii) *Total Estimated Value*:

Major Defense Equipment *	\$526 million
Other	\$369 million
TOTAL	\$895 million

(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase*:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Up to two hundred (200) Tomahawk Block V All Up Rounds (AUR) (RGM–109E)

Up to twenty (20) Tomahawk Block IV All Up Rounds (AUR) (RGM–109E)

Non-MDE:

Also included is support for all three segments of Australia's Tomahawk Weapon System (TWS) to include the All-Up Round (AUR), the Tactical Tomahawk Weapon Control System (TTWCS) and the Theater Mission Planning Center (TMPC). The support consists of unscheduled missile maintenance; spares; procurement; training; in-service support; software; hardware; communication equipment; operational flight test; engineering and technical expertise to maintain the TWS capability; and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) *Military Department*: Navy (AT–P–LGJ)

(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*: March 16, 2023

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Australia—Tomahawk Weapon System

The Government of Australia has requested to buy up to two hundred (200) Tomahawk Block V All Up Rounds (AUR) (RGM–109E); and up to twenty (20) Tomahawk Block IV All Up Rounds (AUR) (RGM–109E). Also included is support for all three segments of Australia's Tomahawk Weapon System (TWS) to include the All-Up Round (AUR), the Tactical Tomahawk Weapon Control System (TTWCS) and the Theater Mission Planning Center (TMPC). The support

consists of unscheduled missile maintenance; spares; procurement; training; in-service support; software; hardware; communication equipment; operational flight test; engineering and technical expertise to maintain the TWS capability; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total cost is \$895 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States. Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist our ally in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

The proposed sale will improve Australia's capability to interoperate with U.S. maritime forces and other allied forces as well as its ability to contribute to missions of mutual interest. By deploying the Tomahawk Weapon System, Australia will contribute to global readiness and enhance the capability of U.S. Forces operating alongside them globally. Australia will use the enhanced capability as a deterrent to regional threats and to strengthen its homeland defense. Australia will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

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

The prime U.S. contractor will be Raytheon Missiles and Defense, Tucson, AZ. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple trips by U.S. Government representatives and contractor personnel to visit Australia on a temporary basis over the life of the case to support delivery and integration of items and to provide supply support management, inventory control, and equipment familiarization. Visits will also include program and technical reviews.

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

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Annex

Item No. vii

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology*:

1. The Block IV/V All Up Round (AUR) consists of the RGM–109E Tomahawk cruise missile assembled in a canister for surface launch. Tomahawk Block IV/V capabilities include, increased system flexibility, improved system response times, improved lethality against an increased target set, improved accuracy, improved Anti-Jam GPS Receiver (AGR) with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) capability, enhanced availability due to a 15-year maintenance interval and two-way communications between missile and Strike/Missile Controllers via Ultra High Frequency (UHF) Satellite Communications (SATCOM). The two-way communication capability, provided by the Satellite Data Link Terminal (SDLT) enables Mission Planners and the Strike/Missile Controller to issue in-flight missile retargeting commands, receive in-flight missile Health & Status (H&S) transmissions, obtain Battle Damage Indication (BDI) data and obtain single-frame Battle Damage Indication Imagery (BDII) using the onboard camera that is part of the Digital Scene Matching Area Correlator (DSMAC) Sensor Assembly (DSA).

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

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 that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Australia 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.

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

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