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Transmittal No. 23-74

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 Finland

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment *	\$370 million
Other	\$130 million
TOTAL	\$500 million

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Up to one hundred fifty (150) AGM-88G Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missiles-Extended Range (AARGM-ERs)

Non-MDE:

Also included are Dummy Air Training Missiles (DATM); missile containers; software; training; support equipment; spare and repair parts; publications and technical documentation; transportation; U.S. Government and contractor engineering; technical and logistical support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Navy (FI-P-AAW)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:* None

(vi) *Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:* None known at this time

(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:* October 23, 2023

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Finland—Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missiles-Extended Range (AARGM-ER)

The Government of Finland has requested to buy up to one hundred fifty (150) AGM-88G Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missiles-Extended Range (AARGM-ERs). Also included are DATM; missile containers; software; training; support equipment; spare and repair parts; publications and technical documentation; transportation; U.S.

Government and contractor engineering; technical and logistical support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$500 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States (U.S.) by improving the security of a NATO Ally that is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Finland's capability to meet current and future threats by strengthening its self-defense capabilities and ensuring interoperability with U.S. and other allied forces. Finland 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 principal contractor will be Northrop Grumman Systems, Falls Church, VA. 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 additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Finland.

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

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(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. The AGM-88G Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile Extended Range (AARGM-ER) is a medium-range air-to-ground missile employed for Suppression and/or Destruction of Enemy Air Defenses. The AARGM-ER system is an upgrade to the AARGM, which is an upgrade to the AGM-88 High-Speed Anti-Radiation Missile system. The AARGM-ER incorporates hardware and software modifications to improve AGM-88E AARGM capabilities to extend the range, increase survivability, and enhance effectiveness against future threats.

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 Finland 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 Finland.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 23-58]

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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 23-58, Policy Justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: November 6, 2024.

Stephanie J. Bost,

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
 2800 Defense Pentagon
 Washington, DC 20301-2800

October 4, 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. 23-58, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Spain for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$2.8 billion. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

James A. Hursch
 Director

Enclosures:

1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification
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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 Spain

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment *	\$1.7 billion
Other	\$1.1 billion
Total	\$2.8 billion

(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:* The Government of Spain has requested to buy four (4) PATRIOT Configuration-3+ Modernized Fire Units consisting of:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):
 Fifty-one (51) PATRIOT Advanced Capability (PAC) 3 Missile Segment Enhanced (MSE) Missiles (includes one (1) Fly-to-Buy Missile)
 Twenty-four (24) PATRIOT M903 Launch Stations

Four (4) AN/MPQ-65 Radar Sets
 Four (4) AN/MSQ-132 Engagement Control Stations
 Two (2) Information Coordination Central (ICC)
 Eight (8) Antenna Mast Groups
 Four (4) Electrical Power Plants
 Four (4) Energy Power Units

Non-MDE:

Also included is communications equipment; tools and test equipment; range and test programs; support equipment and services comprising Skids kits,

telemetry kits, generators, publications, and technical documentation; training equipment; spare and repair parts; repair and return; personnel training; New Equipment Training (NET); Technical Assistance Field Team (TAFT) support; Flight Test Support and Targets; United States (U.S.) Government and contractor technical assistance, engineering, and logistics support services; Systems Integration and Checkout (SICO) and Battalion Demonstration; field office support; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) *Military Department: Army (SP-B-WBS)*

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any: SP-B-WBM*

(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: October 4, 2023*

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Spain—Patriot Configuration-3+ Modernized Fire Units

The Government of Spain has requested to buy four (4) Patriot Configuration-3+ Modernized Fire Units consisting of: fifty-one (51) Patriot Advanced Capability (PAC) 3 Missile Segment Enhanced (MSE) missiles (includes one (1) Fly-to-Buy missile); twenty-four (24) Patriot M903 launch stations; four (4) AN/MPQ-65 radar sets; four (4) AN/MSQ-132 Engagement Control Stations; two (2) Information Coordination Central (ICC); eight (8) Antenna Mast Groups; four (4) Electrical Power Plants; and four (4) Energy Power Units. Also included is communications equipment; tools and test equipment; range and test programs; support equipment and services comprising Skids kits, telemetry kits, generators, publications, and technical documentation; training equipment; spare and repair parts; Repair and Return; personnel training; New Equipment Training (NET); Technical Assistance Field Team (TAFT) support; Flight Test Support and Targets; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, engineering, and logistics support services; Systems Integration and Checkout (SICO) and Battalion Demonstration; field office support; and other related elements of logistics and

program support. The estimated total cost is \$2.8 billion.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the U.S. by improving the security of a NATO ally which is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale of the Patriot missile system will improve Spain's missile defense capability, increase the defensive capabilities of its military, and support its goal of improving national and territorial defense and interoperability with U.S. and NATO forces. Spain will use the Patriot to defend its territorial integrity and for regional stability. Spain 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 contractors will be Raytheon Corporation, Tewksbury, MA, and Lockheed Martin, Dallas, TX. There are no known offset agreements in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require U.S. Government and contractor representatives to travel to Spain for an extended period for system checkout, training, and technical and logistics support.

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

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(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. The Patriot Advanced Capability (PAC) 3 Missile Segment Enhanced missile is a small, highly agile, kinetic kill interceptor for defense against tactical ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, and air-breathing threats. The MSE variant of the PAC-3 missile represents the next generation in hit-to-kill interceptors and provides expanded battlespace against evolving threats. The PAC-3 MSE improves upon the original PAC-3 capability with a higher performance solid rocket motor, modified lethality enhancer, more responsive control surfaces, upgraded guidance software, and insensitive munitions improvements.

2. M903 launcher stations are capable of launching the entire family of Patriot missiles. All new U.S. launchers are M903 configuration.

3. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and

services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

4. 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.

5. A determination has been made that the Government of Spain 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.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2024-SCC-0109]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; High School and Beyond 2022 (HS&B:22) First Follow-Up Field Test Data Collection

AGENCY: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 12, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check the "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the "View Information