

dedication to serving veterans in North Central Montana.

Jason serves as a nurse practitioner in the Great Falls VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic and has become one of the most sought-after experts in veterans' healthcare. A veteran himself, Jason spent 20 years in the Montana Air National Guard, retiring as lieutenant colonel.

During his time in the Guard, he served as officer in charge of health promotion, medical readiness, staff development, and as assistant chief nurse, where he gained a great deal of knowledge and experience caring for fellow servicemembers.

Jason retired from the Air National Guard in 2015, and since then he has dedicated himself to providing exceptional healthcare to Montana veterans. He has built and maintained a patient panel that is at 110 percent capacity and has 1,000 patients. When another provider recently retired, he stepped up and took over the patient panel and provided care to another 556 veterans.

Jason has worked to improve the overall Montana VA system. He has recruited and mentored other nurse practitioners, which helped fill critical positions in the VA system. Jason also participated in a VA residency program that trains providers to better serve our women veterans.

In 2011, he experienced a deep personal tragedy when his wife of 16 years, Heather, passed away from a stroke, leaving him a widower with three children. After his wife's death, he dedicated himself to becoming an expert on strokes.

He regularly speaks to healthcare providers across the country about stroke prevention and treatment and received the Montana State Department of Health and Human Services Stroke Hero of the Year Award.

Montana is incredibly lucky to have a healthcare professional like Jason Gleason serving our veterans. He is truly an excellent example of someone who puts service before self. He understands that his service to our country did not end with his service in the military.

I want to personally congratulate and thank Jason for his excellent work.

Thank you, Mr. President.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana.

MORNING BUSINESS

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. CORKER. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notifica-

tion of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. BOB CORKER,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 18-40, concerning the Army's proposed Letter (s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the United Kingdom for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$3.5 billion. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

CHARLES W. HOOPER,

Lieutenant General, USA, Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 18-40

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 Government of the United Kingdom.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$1.655 billion.

Other \$1.845 billion.

Total \$3.500 billion.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Sixteen (16) H-47 Chinook (Extended Range) Helicopters.

Thirty-six (36) T-55-GA-714A Engines (32 installed, 4 spares).

Forty-eight (48) Embedded GPS Inertial Navigation Units (32 installed, 16 spares).

Twenty (20) Common Missile Warning Systems (16 installed, 4 spares).

Twenty-two (22) Radio-Frequency Countermeasures (16 installed, 6 spares).

Nineteen (19) Multi-Mode Radars (16 installed, 3 spares).

Forty (40) M-134D0T Mini-Guns, plus mounts and tools (32 installed, 8 spares).

Forty (40) M240H Machine Guns, plus mounts and tools (32 installed, 8 spares).

Non-MDE: Also included are communications equipment; navigation equipment; aircraft survivability equipment; initial training equipment and services; synthetic training equipment; support package including spares and repair parts; special tools and test equipment; aviation ground support equipment; safety and air worthiness certification; technical support; maintenance support; technical and aircrew publications; mission planning system equipment and support; and, project management and governance; U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistic and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (UK-B-WTJ).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: UK-B-WSY and UK-B-WTN.

(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 (Classified document provided under separate cover).

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: October 19, 2018.

*As defined in Section 47

(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Kingdom—H-47 Chinook (Extended Range) Helicopters and Accessories

The Government of United Kingdom has requested a possible sale of sixteen (16) H-47 Chinook (Extended Range) helicopters; thirty-six (36) T-55-GA-714A engines (32 installed, 4 spares); forty-eight (48) embedded GPS inertial navigation units (32 installed, 16 spares); twenty (20) common missile warning systems (16 installed, 4 spares); twenty-two (22) radio-frequency countermeasures (16 installed, 6 spares); nineteen (19) multi-mode radars (16 installed, 3 spares); nineteen (19) electro-optical sensor systems (16 installed, 3 spares); forty (40) M-134D-T mini-guns, plus mounts and tools (32 installed, 8 spares); and forty (40) M240H machine guns, plus mounts and tools (32 installed, 8 spares). This sale also includes communications equipment; navigation equipment; aircraft survivability equipment; initial training equipment and services; synthetic training equipment; support package including spares and repair parts; special tools and test equipment; aviation ground support equipment; safety and air worthiness certification; technical support; maintenance support; technical and aircrew publications; mission planning system equipment and support; and, project management and governance; U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistic and program support. Total estimated cost is \$3.5 billion.

The United Kingdom is a close NATO ally and an important partner on critical foreign policy and defense issues. The proposed sale will enhance U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives by enhancing the United Kingdom's capabilities to provide national defense and contribute to NATO and coalition operations.

The proposed sale will improve the United Kingdom's ability to meet current and future threats by providing a heavy lift rotary wing capability able to execute missions in extreme environments across a full range of military operations. The United Kingdom will have no difficulty absorbing these helicopters 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 of this sale will be Boeing Defense and Space, Ridley Park, PA. There is no known offset agreement associated with this proposed sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require approximately 29-32 U.S. Government personnel and 26 contractors assigned to the United Kingdom plus 3 equivalent man years TDY to support fielding and initial sustainment for a duration of 3-5 years.

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

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for the October 10, 2018, vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 640,