

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Up to four hundred fifty-two (452) Patriot Advanced Capability 3 (PAC-3) Missiles Segment Enhanced (MSE).

Non-MDE: Also included are tools and test equipment, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, spare and repair parts, facility design, U.S. Government and contractor technical, engineering, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics, sustainment and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (AE-B-ZUT).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: AE-B-ZUG.

(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: May 3, 2019.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Arab Emirates (UAE)—Patriot Missile System and Related Support Equipment

The Government of the United Arab Emirates has requested to buy up to four hundred fifty-two (452) Patriot Advanced Capability 3 (PAC-3) Missiles Segment Enhanced (MSE). Also included are tools and test equipment, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, spare and repair parts, facility design, U.S. Government and contractor technical, engineering, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics, sustainment and program support. The estimated cost is \$2.728 billion.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of an important ally which has been, and continues to be, a force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East. This sale is consistent with U.S. initiatives to provide key allies in the region with modern systems that will enhance interoperability with U.S. forces and increase security.

The proposed sale will enhance the UAE's capability to meet current and future aircraft and missile threats. The UAE will use the capability as a deterrent to regional threats and to strengthen its homeland defense. The UAE will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of these missiles will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor for the PAC-3 System will be Raytheon Corporation, Andover, Massachusetts, and Lockheed-Martin, Dallas, Texas. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed program will require additional contractor representatives to travel to the UAE. It is not expected additional U.S. Government personnel will be required in country for an extended period of time.

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 19-37

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 PATRIOT Air Defense System contains classified CONFIDENTIAL hardware components, SECRET tactical software and critical/sensitive technology. The Patriot Advanced Capability-(PAC-3) Missile Segment Enhancement (MSE) hardware is classified CONFIDENTIAL and the associated launcher hardware is UNCLASSIFIED. The PAC-3 MSE is a high velocity, hit-to-kill, surface-to-air missile that provides critical air and missile defense by intercepting and destroying Tactical Ballistic Missiles (TBM), Air-Breathing Threats (ABT), cruise missiles, and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS).

2. The PAC-3 MSE sensitive/critical technology is primarily in the area of design and production know-how and primarily inherent in the design, development and/or manufacturing data related to certain components. The list of components is classified CONFIDENTIAL.

3. Information on system performance capabilities, effectiveness, survivability, missile seeker capabilities, select software/software documentation and test data are classified up to and including SECRET.

4. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the 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.

5. A determination has been made that the Government of the UAE 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 the United Arab Emirates.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE USS "BILLINGS" COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the men and women of the USS Billings Commissioning Committee and their notable contributions to our State and Nation. The USS Billings Commissioning Committee is a group of volunteers from Montana's largest city, who have dedicated themselves to promoting awareness and fostering support for the future commissioning of the USS *Billings* and all those who will sail aboard her in defense of our Nation.

Upon commissioning, the USS *Billings* will be the first U.S. Navy warship to bear the city's namesake, a historic moment for our State. Montana has a proud heritage of military service. Some 3,500 Active Duty servicemembers currently serve at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, and another 4,500 citizen-soldiers serve in the National Guard and Reserve at various locations across the State. Beyond the borders of our landlocked home, more than 2,200 U.S. Navy sailors currently call Montana home, adding 134 new Montanans to their ranks in the past 12 months. Mon-

tana also proudly boasts the highest percentage of veterans per capita in the contiguous United States.

A Freedom Class littoral combat ship, the USS *Billings* will be among the fastest, most technologically advanced, and agile efficient ships in our naval fleet. The USS *Billings* will project power near the shoreline and conduct a wide range of missions, including mine countermeasures, anti-submarine warfare, and surface warfare missions. We wait with great anticipation as her August 3 commissioning quickly approaches.

In keeping with time-honored naval traditions, the USS Billings Commissioning Committee on behalf of the city of Billings is making preparations to host the commission ceremony and a series of celebrations. Determined to accomplish this ambitious goal, the committee has made great strides in rallying support across the State. The city has had the honor and privilege of hosting the crew of the USS *Billings* at the of the committee, and we look forward to their return in the weeks ahead. These efforts have made great strides in fostering a strong and enduring relationship between the city of Billings, the State of Montana, and the U.S. Navy.

In recognition of these and other notable accomplishments, I ask that the following names who have volunteered for the USS Billings Commissioning Committee be entered into the RECORD: Mayor Bill Cole, Chairman; Councilman Mike Yakawich, Co-Vice Chair; Commissioner Denis Pitman, Co-Vice Chair; Ron Spence, Committee Coordinator; Councilman Larry Brewster; Brent Brooks; Dan Brooks; Councilman Dick Clark; Sue Davidson; Katy Easton; Mike Jennings; Al Swanson; and Nancy Swanson.●

REMEMBERING DAMON J. KEITH

• Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the Honorable Damon J. Keith, a civil rights icon and one of the greatest jurists in our Nation's history.

Judge Keith was born on July 4, 1922, in Detroit, to parents who had relocated from Atlanta so his father could work for \$5 a day in a Ford Motor Company plant to create a better future for their family.

Judge Keith's father encouraged him to attend college, and he went on to graduate from West Virginia State College, a historically Black college and university, in 1943. Upon graduation, he served his country in a segregated Army unit during World War II.

After his military service, he received his J.D. from Howard University Law School in 1949, passed the Michigan bar in 1950, married Dr. Rachel Boone in 1953, and received his master of laws degree from Wayne State University School of Law in 1956.

It was during his time at Howard when Judge Keith found a mentor in future Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.