

20-51 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 \$46 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

HEIDI H. GRANT,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-51

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 the United Kingdom.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$42 million.

Other \$4 million.

Total \$46 million.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Three hundred ninety-five (395) AGM-114R2 Hellfire Missiles.

Non-MDE: Also included is technical assistance, publications, integration support, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

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

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: UK-B-WSD, UK-B-WSA, UK-B-WQU.

(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: August 26, 2020.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Kingdom—Hellfire Missiles

The Government of the United Kingdom has requested to buy three hundred ninety-five (395) AGM-114R2 Hellfire missiles. Also included is technical assistance, publications, integration support, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$46 million.

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

The proposed sale will improve the United Kingdom's ability to meet current and future threats by replacing expiring and un-serviceable missiles and maintaining capability to execute missions across a full range of military operations. The United Kingdom will have no difficulty absorbing these missiles into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Lockheed Martin Corporation, Orlando, Florida. The purchaser typically requests offsets. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

Implementation of this proposed will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the United Kingdom.

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 AGM-114R2 Hellfire missile is used against heavy and light armored targets, thin skinned vehicles, urban structures, bunkers, caves and personnel. The missile is Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) based, with a variable delay fuse and improved safety and reliability. The Hellfire II multipurpose warhead variant (AGM-114R) allows selection of warhead effects corresponding to a specific target type. The AGM-114R is capable of being launched from Army rotary-wing and UAS platforms and provides the pilot increased operational flexibility.

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 United Kingdom 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 the United Kingdom.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO CANDACE FRANKS

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today to celebrate Commissioner Candace Franks for all she has accomplished over her 40-year career with the Arkansas State Bank Department, ASBD. She will retire as department commissioner in October, an especially significant milestone given her appointment as the first female in this role and her tenure as the longest serving commissioner in ASBD history.

Commissioner Franks' leadership at the ASBD has directly improved the economic well-being of Arkansas communities and citizens by ensuring safe, convenient, and competitive banking. The department was established in 1903 to fulfill a simple yet essential role: regulate Arkansas banks and bank holding companies. Since her arrival at the department, she has worked tirelessly to achieve the mission of safe and sound financial institutions that garner public confidence. An impressive statistic demonstrates this dedication: When she began in 1980, the department oversaw institutions holding \$7 billion in assets; as she leaves in 2020, the institutions now hold over \$123 billion in assets.

She grounds herself in the notion that hard work, commitment, and patience pay off. After completing three postsecondary degrees—two at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro and one at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law—she joined the ASBD as general counsel in 1980. She held this position until she was promoted to deputy commissioner and general counsel in 1995, before her appointment to commissioner in 2007.

Commissioner Franks' ability to lead, guide, and better the State of Arkansas extends beyond her critical role in the financial sector. From 2014 to 2015, she served as chairman of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, where she is now chairman emeritus. She currently serves as chairman of the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System after being appointed to the board of trustees by Governor Asa Hutchinson in 2017. Additionally, she serves as a trustee on the Arkansas Teachers Retirement System and the State Board of Finance.

It is with no surprise that Commissioner Franks has been repeatedly recognized for her accomplished career and influence in Arkansas. For 3 consecutive years—1996, 1997, and 1998—she was honored by Arkansas Business as one of the "Top 100 Women in Arkansas." In 2010, she was recognized by the same publication as one of 20 "Women of Influence" in Arkansas.

On behalf of Arkansas, our financial institutions, and the ASBD, I thank Commissioner Candace Franks for her dedication to developing a healthy banking system that improves the quality of life in Arkansas. I wish her well in her retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO DONNA KELLY-WILLIAMS

• Ms. WARREN. Madam President, I would like to offer my congratulations to Donna Kelly-Williams as she retires as president of the Massachusetts Nurses Association where she has represented our nurses and the patients they serve since 2009. Beginning her professional career in 1974, she aided nurses in the newborn nursery at the Cambridge Hospital, cementing her passion for the caregiving profession. Following nursing school, she served as a medical-surgical nurse and then as a pediatric nurse before eventually coming full circle and returning to the maternity unit. She has spent her entire nursing career serving her community at Cambridge Hospital in Cambridge, MA. Throughout her career, she has always been committed to creating environments where every nurse is respected and valued for their contributions. This commitment and passion for advocacy led her to become involved in the Massachusetts Nurses Association, first joining the bargaining unit at Cambridge Hospital and serving in this capacity for two decades.

She then served as vice president of the Massachusetts Nurses Association and on the board of directors before she was elected president in 2009. As president, Donna led the union as they became a part of National Nurses United, the largest union of registered nurses in history. She understood this participation in a new national nurses' union enabled members to have an even greater impact on national pushes for legislation, including healthcare and