

support. The total estimated program cost is \$1.008 billion.

This proposed sale is consistent with U.S. law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and to maintain a credible defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, economic and progress in the region.

This proposed sale will improve the recipient's capability to meet current and future threats as it provides all-weather, day and night, precision attack capabilities against both moving and stationary targets. The recipient will be able to employ a highly reliable and effective system to increase their warfighting effectiveness as needed, which can counter or deter aggressions by demonstrated precision against surface targets. This capability will easily integrate into existing force infrastructure as it will only improve defense against opposing threats. The recipient will have no difficulty absorbing these systems 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 the Boeing Company, St. Louis, MO. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of two (2) U.S. contractor representatives to the recipient for a duration of 8 years to support technical reviews, support, and oversight.

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

#### TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-69

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 AGM-84H Standoff Land Attack Missile-Expanded Response (SLAM-ER) is a nonnuclear tactical weapon system currently in service in the U.S. Navy and three other foreign nations. SLAM-ER is a follow on to the SLAM missile that is no longer in production. It is a variant of the Harpoon missile that uses an Imaging Infrared (IIR) seeker, planar wings, and a penetrating warhead. SLAM-ER is effective against a wide range of land-based targets and has a secondary anti-ship mission capability. The following components are being conveyed by the proposed sale and are essential to the ability of the SLAM-ER missile to selectively engage hostile targets under a wide range of operations, tactical and environmental conditions.

The Imaging Infrared Seeker, The GPS/INS System, Operational Flight Program Software, and Missile operational characteristics and performance data.

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

3. 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.

4. A determination has been made that the recipient 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 recipient.

#### TRIBUTE TO DEIRDRE WALLACE

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my dear friend and colleague, Deirdre "Dee" Wallace, who retired this year after 36 years of Federal service. A true civil servant, Dee served our country and its citizens with humility and empathy for decades.

Since taking the vow to serve and protect our Nation as a soldier in the U.S. Army, Dee has never stopped fighting for the American people. After 5 years of military service, Dee dedicated her life to making government work for the people during decades of service with the Army National Guard and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Never discouraged, Dee embodies the type of caring spirit and can-do attitude that we should all strive to emulate. As my chief of staff at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Dee worked tirelessly to bring awareness to servicemembers battling posttraumatic stress disorder and veterans facing homelessness.

In our time together, I learned that no stone will go unturned with Dee around. She will always find a way to care for America's heroes. Her service to her community is remarkable and her story inspiring. I stand here today to applaud my dear friend and to honor her extraordinary work.

Dee, I wish you the best of luck in retirement and thank you for your service.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER COHAN

• Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I rise today, on behalf of myself and my colleague from Delaware, Senator CHRIS COONS, to pay tribute to Jennifer Cohan, secretary of the Delaware Department of Transportation—DelDOT—who has been a tremendous leader and public servant in the State of Delaware for more than three decades. Jen has served as the secretary of the DelDOT, since 2015 where, as the third woman to serve as secretary in the department's 100-year history, she developed and implemented the State's largest ever roadway infrastructure program. She previously served as director of the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles—DMV—for 8 years and was the first woman to serve in that position in State history.

After 31 years of public service to the State of Delaware, Jen is retiring from DelDOT at the end of this month. She

will be taking on a new role as the chief executive officer of Leadership Delaware. In this new role, Jen will lead this highly regarded organization in its mission to recruit outstanding young Delawareans and help equip them with the knowledge, vision, integrity, and connections they will need to become the future leaders of communities, nonprofits, businesses, and organizations within the First State.

As secretary of DelDOT, Jen contributed not only her intellect, innovative ideas, and immense technical capacity, but also an uplifting positive energy that motivated everyone fortunate enough to serve on her team.

Over the course of her distinguished career with the State of Delaware, Jen has held a range of leadership roles. In addition to her leadership of DelDOT, Jen is currently the chair of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America, where she has highlighted DelDOT's work to prepare Delaware's transportation system for the future. Previously, in her capacity as director of the Delaware DMV, she transformed the agency by investing in technology and enhancing customer service. She also previously managed Delaware's clean water program at the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and analyzed budgets for the General Assembly in the office of the controller general. As if that were not enough, Jen has also spent the last 12 years as an adjunct professor at Wilmington University, teaching leadership and public policy in the master's program there.

On this occasion of your retirement from public service, Jen, Senator COONS and I want to convey to you the gratitude of all Delawareans for the enthusiasm, dedication, and entrepreneurial spirit that you have consistently brought to your many leadership roles and for your service to the people of Delaware. We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to your family for sharing you with all of us for the past 31 years. In closing, Jen, please accept our warmest congratulations and best wishes and our thanks for dedicating the past three decades of your life to advancing mobility, improving infrastructure, and enhancing the quality of life for all of us who call the First State home. Bravo Zulu. God bless.●

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5652. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sulfuric Acid Tolerance Exemption to Cover Hop Vines" (FRL No. 10013-16-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5653. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,