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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 25-41]

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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 36(b) 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 25-41 Policy Justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: January 16, 2026.

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

August 19, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson
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. 25-41, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$97.3 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Miller
Director

Enclosures:

1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification
3. Sensitivity of Technology

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 Australia
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:
- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$49.0 million |
| Other | <u>\$48.3 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$97.3 million |
- (iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case AT-B-UMF was below the congressional notification threshold at \$6.3 million (\$0 in MDE) and included Javelin Life Cycle Support (LCS) and United States (U.S.) Government and contractor technical assistance. The Government of Australia has requested that the case be amended to include one hundred sixty-one (161) Lightweight Command Launch Units (LwCLU). This amendment will cause the case to exceed the notification threshold, and thus notification of the entire program is required. The above notification requirements are combined as follows:
- Major Defense Equipment (MDE):
One hundred sixty-one (161) Javelin Lightweight Command Launch Units (LwCLU)
- Non-Major Defense Equipment:
The following non-MDE items will also be included: Javelin LwCLU Basic Skills Trainer; missile simulation rounds and battery coolant unit; electronic technical manual and operator manuals; life cycle support; physical security inspection; spare parts; System Integration and Check Out; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, engineering, logistics, and personnel services; tool kits; training; and other related elements of logistics and program support.
- (iv) Military Department: Army (AT-B-UMF)
- (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: **August 19, 2025**

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Australia – Javelin Lightweight Command Launch Unit

The Government of Australia has requested to buy one hundred sixty-one (161) Lightweight Command Launch Units (LwCLU) that will be added to a previously implemented case whose value was under the congressional notification threshold. The original Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case, valued at \$6.3 million (\$0 in Major Defense Equipment (MDE)), included Javelin Life Cycle Support (LCS) and U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance. This notification is for one hundred sixty-one (161) Lightweight Command Launch Units (LwCLU). The following non-MDE items will also be included: Javelin LwCLU Basic Skills Trainer; missile simulation rounds and battery coolant unit; electronic technical manual and operator manuals; life cycle support; physical security inspection; spare parts; System Integration and Check Out; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, engineering, logistics, and personnel services; tool kits; training; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$97.3 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the U.S.. Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the Western Pacific. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist our ally in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

The proposed sale will enhance Australia's capability to meet current and future threats by improving its advanced surface-fired munitions capabilities and increasing its capability to deter adversaries. This enhanced capability will protect Australia and local allied land forces and will significantly improve Australia's contribution to coalition anti-armor capability. Australia will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractors will be the Javelin Joint Venture between RTX Corporation, located in Arlington, VA; and Lockheed Martin, located in Orlando, FL. At this time, the U.S. Government is not aware of any offset agreement proposed in connection with this potential sale. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

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

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 Javelin Weapon System is a medium-range, man portable, shoulder-launched, fire and forget anti-tank system. It may also be mounted on a variety of platforms including vehicles, aircraft, and watercraft. The system weighs ~43.5 pounds and has a maximum range in excess of 4,500 meters. The system is lethal against tanks and other systems with conventional and reactive armors. The system possesses a secondary capability against bunkers.
2. Javelin's key technical feature is the use of fire and forget technology which allows the gunner to fire and immediately relocate or take cover. Additional special features are the top attack and direct fire modes, an advanced tandem warhead and imaging infrared seeker, target lock-on before launch, and soft launch from enclosures or covered fighting positions. The Javelin missile also has a minimum smoke motor thus decreasing its likelihood of being detected on the battlefield.
3. The Javelin Weapon System is comprised of two major tactical components, a reusable Lightweight Command Launch Unit (LwCLU) and a round contained in a disposable launch tube assembly. The LwCLU incorporates an integrated day-night sight that provides target engagement capability in adverse weather and countermeasure environments. The LwCLU may also be used in a stand-alone mode for battlefield surveillance and target detection. The LwCLU's thermal sight is a 3rd generation forward-looking infrared sensor. To facilitate initial loading and subsequent updating of software, all on-board missile software is uploaded via the LwCLU after mating and prior to launch.
4. The missile is autonomously guided to the target using an imaging infrared seeker and adaptive correlation tracking algorithms. This allows the gunner to take cover or reload and engage another target after firing a missile. The missile has an advanced tandem warhead and can be used in either the top attack or direct fire modes (for target undercover). An onboard flight computer guides the missile to the selected target.
5. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.
6. If a technologically advanced adversary obtains knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems that might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.
7. A determination has been made that Australia can provide 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.

8. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Australia.

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