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***Exemption for Export of Technical Data in Response to DoD Requests for Proposals***

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The Department of State will establish a new exemption to the munitions licensing requirements of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) for defense services related to the export of technical data and the provision of technical assistance to persons of NATO countries, Australia and Japan that support the bid/proposal phase of DoD procurements. Currently, US industry must seek a license for the export of technical data to foreign companies with whom they desire to team in response to DoD requests for information, quotes or proposals. Since the 1997 Defense Reform Initiative shortened the response time for bidding on DoD acquisition programs, U.S. industry has found it difficult to include foreign participation as subcontractors in the early stages of the bid proposal phase. This exemption will eliminate the time required to obtain an export license for the export of technical data to potential foreign participants allowing sufficient time to develop a proposal and submit a response to the Department of Defense. This exemption is expected to significantly improve the ability of companies from allied countries to compete for DoD contracts.

Key features of the exemption are:

- Data may be released based on build-to-print, build or design-to-specifications or basic research.
- Data may not include design methodology, engineering analysis or manufacturing know-how