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JORDAN – UH-60L BLACKHAWK Helicopters

On 3 September 2003, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Jordan of UH-60L BLACKHAWK helicopters as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$220 million.

The Government of Jordan has requested a possible sale of eight UH-60L BLACKHAWK helicopters with T-700-GE-701C engines, four spare T-700-GE-701C engines, M130 chaff dispenser, receivers, spare and repair parts, gun pods, tools and support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team (QAT), contractor engineering and technical support services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$220 million.

Proposed sale will enhance the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a key regional partner who has proven to be a vital force for political stability and peace in the Middle East.

This procurement will upgrade Jordan's air mobility capability and provide for the defense of vital installations and close air support for ground forces. Jordan will have no difficulty absorbing these helicopters into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor will be United Technology, Sikorsky Aircraft of Stratford, Connecticut. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will require the assignment of several U.S. Government Quality Assurance Teams for one-week intervals, twice annually, to participate in program management and technical reviews. There will be several U.S. Army National Guard Personnel, for a month, and a contractor field service representative, for two years, in Jordan.

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

This notice of a potential sale is required by law; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.