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Egypt – Fast Missile Crafts

On 8 July 2004, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Egypt of three Fast Missile Crafts as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$565 million.

The Government of Egypt has requested a possible sale of three (3) Fast Missile Crafts; three (3) 76mm/62 caliber MK 75 Dual Purpose guns with Super Rapid Kits; three (3) MK 31 Mod 3 Rolling Airframe Missile Guided Missile Weapons Systems; installation of Hull, Mechanical, and Electrical equipment; communications; operations equipment; spare and repair parts; support equipment; personnel training and training equipment; publications and technical documents; and U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services and other related elements of logistics services. The estimated cost is \$565 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East. This sale is consistent with these U.S. objectives and with the 1950 Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

The Egyptian Navy does not currently have a modern, high speed, ship capable of providing deep and shallow water defensive protection for the approaches to the Suez Canal. Egypt intends to purchase these ships to enhance its overall ability to defend its coastal areas and the approaches to the Suez Canal and will have no difficulty absorbing these crafts into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Vision Technology-Marine of Gulfport Mississippi. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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

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.