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Iraq - Helicopters, Vehicles, Weapons and Support

Washington, September 19, 2006 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of helicopters, vehicles, weapons and support as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$500 million.

The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale of the following weapons:

- 10,126 M17 9mm Glock Pistols
- 50,750 M16A2 Rifles
- 50,750 M4A1 Rifles
- 3,442 M24 Sniper Rifles
- 8,105 M249 Machine Guns
- 3,037 M240B Machine Guns
- 1,268 Generation (Gen) II Single Tube Night Vision Goggles
- 15 AN/PVS-17 Gen III Assault Weapon Sights
- 40 AN/PVS-10 Gen II Sniper Weapon Sights
- 20 Mi-17 Troop Transport Helicopters
- 600 Infantry Light Armored Vehicles Armored Personnel Carriers
- 2,126,250 9mm Pistol Ammunition
- 35,437,500 5.56mm Rifle Ammunition
- 633,328 7.62mm Sniper Rifle Ammunition
- 1,621,000 5.56mm Machine Gun Ammunition
- 1,214,800 M240 7.62mm Crew Served Machine Gun Ammunition
- 9,562 Hand Held Pyrotechnics and
- 8,670 Hand Held Smoke Munitions.

Also included: logistics support services/equipment for helicopters (Jet Ranger, Huey II and Mi-17) and vehicles (Standard/Non-Standard Wheeled Vehicles, Tracked Vehicles, Infantry Light Armored Vehicles Armored Personnel Carriers) and small/medium weapons and weapon systems, on-job-training, laser pointers, supply and maintenance support, measuring and hand tools for ground systems, technical support, software upgrades, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$500 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. This proposed sale directly supports the Iraqi government and serves the interests of the Iraqi people and the U.S., as well as offering hope for a more stable and peaceful Middle East.

The Government of Iraq has an assortment of multiple makes of antiquated vehicles with some new vehicles provided under the Multi-National Security Transition Command. The multiple makes of antiquated vehicles are difficult and costly to maintain. The modernization plan calls for purifying the fleet with more capable equipment and services to sustain equipment. The troop helicopter carries will allow the Iraqis to rapidly move troops into position. Also, the aircraft will provide the capability to medical evacuate casualties. Leadership, tactical and technical training is needed to develop a professional Iraqi Armed Forces.

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

The contractors are unknown at this time. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale may require the assignment of up to 69 contractor representatives to execute the maintenance program for a duration up to 24 months. There will be up to 11 contractors to field and train Iraqi personnel on operating the equipment and maintenance for 8 months.

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.