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Jordan – Refurbishment/Sustainment of M113A1 Armored Personnel Carriers

Washington, July 28, 2006 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Jordan of refurbishment/sustainment of M113A1 Armored Personnel Carriers (APC) to M113A2-Jordan configuration as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$156 million.

The Government of Jordan has requested a possible refurbishment/sustainment of 1,000 M113A1 Armored Personnel Carriers (APC) to M113A2-Jordan configuration. This will include various upgraded conversion kits: diesel engines, transmission upgrades and overhaul, differential conversions, suspension upgrades, cooling system upgrades, and drive train upgrades; spare and repair parts; support equipment; publications and technical data; communications equipment; maintenance; personnel training and training equipment; contractor representatives' services; and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$156 million.

The 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.

The Jordan Armed Forces (JAF) requires the defense services to refurbish its M113A1 APC's to a sustainable configuration. The upgrade will provide JAF with a dependable vehicle capable of responding quickly against aggression or unauthorized entry on the border. This capability is essential to modernizing Jordan's military forces and maintaining equipment for effective internal security operations.

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

The prime contractor will be BAE Company in Santa Clara, California. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will require the assignment of two full time representatives at the facilities in Jordan to provide technical support for the duration (scheduled until 2010) of the program.

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.