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Jordan - UH-60L VIP BLACK HAWK HELICOPTERS

WASHINGTON, September 28, 2006 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Jordan of UH-60L VIP Black Hawk helicopters as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$60 million.

The Government of Jordan has requested a possible sale of two UH-60L VIP Black Hawk helicopters with engines, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, contractor engineering, logistics, and technical support services, a quality assurance team's services, aircraft survivability equipment, tools and test equipment, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$60 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.

The aircraft will provide Jordan's King Abdullah II additional security while flying throughout the Kingdom and while training with the Special Operations Aviation Brigade. The additional aircraft will provide the Jordanian Royal Squadron a back up aircraft if the primary is in maintenance or becomes inoperative. Jordan will use these helicopters for intra-country transportation requirements, including the movement of its National Command Authority. Jordan, which already has Black Hawk helicopters in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing the additional helicopters.

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

The principal contractors will be: Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation of Stratford, Connecticut and General Electric of Fairfield, Connecticut. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of one Contractor Field Service representative and up to six U.S. Government Quality Assurance representatives to Jordan for two years to assist in the delivery and deployment of the helicopters.

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.