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## **Singapore – Pilot Training Program with Munitions, Services, and Support**

Washington, July 28, 2006 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Singapore of pilot training with munitions, services, and related support. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$301 million.

The Government of Singapore has requested a possible sale of continuation of Continental United States (CONUS) pilot proficiency training program for PEACE CARVIN II and munitions, services and support for F-16C/D aircraft which includes: 12 AIM-9 Sidewinder coolant bottles, 105,000 20mm cartridges, aircraft modifications kits, maintenance, participation in joint training exercises, fuel and fueling services, supply support, flight training, spare/repair parts, support equipment, program support, publications, documentation, personnel training, training equipment, contractor technical and logistics personnel services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$301 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 economic progress in Southeast Asia. This proposed sale will help augment the Republic of Singapore's self-defense capability and will ensure interoperability with U.S. forces for coalition operations. Singapore is a firm supporter of the global war on terrorism and has deployed forces to assist in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Singapore needs these munitions, services and equipment to continue a long-term pilot proficiency-training program at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. This program will enable Singapore to develop mission ready and experienced pilots through its CONUS training program to support Singapore's current and future F-16 aircraft inventory. The long-term pilot training program in CONUS continues a professional interaction and enhances operational interoperability with U.S. forces.

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

There is no prime contractor involved in this program. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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

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.