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United Arab Emirates - High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems

Washington, September 21, 2006 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the United Arab Emirates of High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$752 million.

The Government of United Arab Emirates (UAE) has requested a possible sale of

Major Defense Equipment (MDE)

20 High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) Launchers;
101 M39A1 Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) Block 1A Anti-Personnel-Anti-Material Rocket Pods;
101 M39A1 ATACMS Block 1A Unitary Rocket Pods;
130 M30 Guided Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (GMLRS) Dual Purpose Improved Conventional Munitions Rocket Pods;
130 M31 Unitary High Explosive GMLRS Pods
60 Multiple Launcher Rocket Systems (MLRS) Practice Rocket Pods;
104 M26 MLRS Rocket Pods;
20 M1084A1 Family of Medium Truck Vehicles; and
3 M108A1 Wreckers.

Also included are support equipment, communications equipment, spare and repair parts, test sets, batteries, laptop computers, publications and technical data, personnel training and equipment, systems integration support, a Quality Assurance Team and a Technical Assistance Fielding Team service support, United States Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$752 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the U.S. 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 HIMARS will enhance the UAE's military capability by providing a highly effective indirect area fire artillery system that is critical to successful deterrence and national defense. HIMARS supplements traditional cannon artillery by delivering high volume firepower in a short time against time-sensitive targets. At shorter ranges, HIMARS complements tube artillery with heavy barrages against assaulting forces, counter-fire and defense suppression. This proposed sale would enhance the UAE's ability to deter and repulse aggression by hostile forces, and contribute directly to greater stability in the Gulf region. The UAE will have no difficulty absorbing and integrating this system into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractors will be: Lockheed Martin Missile and Fire Control at Dallas, Texas and Stewart & Stevenson at Sealy, Texas. The purchaser has requested offsets; agreements are undetermined and will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and contractor.

Implementation of this sale will require the assignment of a U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team of up to five contractor representatives to the UAE for two weeks to assist in the delivery and deployment of the HIRMARS and sequential deliveries. There will be a three-person Technical Assistance Fielding Team in the UAE for training mission support for up to two years. A U.S. Government representative will remain in country for a minimum of two years in order to assist in the security assistance aspects of the mission.

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.