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## **Egypt – RIM-116B Block 1A Rolling Airframe Missiles**

WASHINGTON, September 28, 2007 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Egypt of up to 139 RIM-116B Block 1A Rolling Airframe Missiles (RAM) as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$125 million.

The Government of Egypt has requested a possible sale of up to 139 RIM-116B Block 1A Rolling Airframe Missiles (RAM) with MK-44 Guided Missile Round Packs, containers, support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, maintenance, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government, contractor engineering and logistics technical support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$125 million.

This proposed sale would 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. This sale is consistent with these U.S. objectives and with the 1950 Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

This proposed sale of 139 MK-116B Block 1A RAM and MK-44 Guided Missiles Round Packs (GMRP) provides the weapons employed by the MK-31 RAM Guided Missile Weapons System (GMWS) included on the Egyptian Fast Missile Craft (FMC). The RAM- GMWS and missile when coupled with the MK-15B PHALANX Close In Weapon System provides the FMC and the Egyptian Navy with an effective defense against helicopters, anti-ship missiles, aircraft, and small surface craft. This capability is critical for the FMC to effectively provide security in the approaches to the Suez Canal and the Egyptian littoral.

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Systems Corporation, Tucson, Arizona. There are no offset agreements associated with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U. S. Government or contractor personnel in country.

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.