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## **United Arab Emirates - Blast Fragmentation Warheads and HELLFIRE II Longbow Missiles**

WASHINGTON, October 4, 2007 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the United Arab Emirates of Blast Fragmentation Warheads and HELLFIRE II Longbow Missiles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$428 million.

The Government of the United Arab Emirates has requested a possible sale of 300 AGM-114M3 Blast Fragmentation Warheads and 900 AGM-114L3 HELLFIRE II Longbow missiles, 200 Blast Fragmentation Sleeve Assemblies, containers, spare and repair parts, test and tool sets, personnel training and equipment, publications, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services, Quality Assurance Team support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$428 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 United Arab Emirates needs these missiles in order to defend its maritime and land borders. The proposed sale of the missiles will strengthen the effectiveness and interoperability of a potential coalition partner, reducing the dependence on U.S. forces in the region while enhancing any coalition operations the U.S. may undertake. The United Arab Emirates will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles into its armed forces. The proposed sale of these missiles will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor is Hellfire Systems of Orlando, Florida. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will require the assignment of a U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team to the United Arab Emirates.

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.