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Iraq -Refurbishment of M113A2 Armored Personnel Carriers

WASHINGTON, September 15, 2010 -- The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress on September 14, of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq for the refurbishment of 440 M113A2 Armored Personnel Carriers as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$131 million.

The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale for the refurbishment of 440 M113A2 Armored Personnel Carriers, being offered as Excess Defense Articles, including installation of 440 M2 .50 Cal Machine Guns, 607 AN/VRC-90E Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radios Systems, M259 Smoke Grenade Launchers, and Combat Vehicle Crewmember Helmets. Also included are tools and test equipment, site survey, construction, spare and repairs parts, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics personnel services, and other related logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$131 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. This proposed sale directly supports the Iraq government and serves the interests of the Iraqi people and the U.S.

The proposed sale to refurbish the APCs will strengthen the effectiveness and interoperability of the Iraqi military, reduce Iraq's dependence on U.S. forces in the region and enhance any coalition operations the U.S. may undertake with Iraq. The Iraqi military will have no difficulty absorbing these vehicles into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of these vehicles will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be BAE Corporation in Rosslyn, Virginia. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of multiple additional U.S. Government and contractor representatives to Iraq for a period of two years with an option for additional years for the purpose of fielding and training and quality assurance during equipment delivery.

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.