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KOREA – P-3B Aircraft

On 22 July 2002, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Korea of P-3B Aircraft as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$66 million.

The Republic of Korea (ROK) Government has requested a possible sale of 9 excess P-3B aircraft; 16 T56-A-14 and 20 T56-A-10W engines, refurbishment and modification of T-56 engines, propellers, and landing gears; secure communications systems, missile warning systems, countermeasures dispensing systems, aircraft cockpit enhancements, acoustic receiver and processor system, missile warning and missile countermeasures dispensing systems, data management system, spare and repairs parts, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, system software development and installation, ground/flight testing of new systems and system modifications, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$66 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 which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in Northeast Asia.

The ROK Navy (ROKN) intends to use the P-3B aircraft to patrol its economic exclusion zone, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare and search/rescue operation.

The principal contractors will be Rolls-Royce Engine Services of Oakland, California and Knight Aerospace Product, Incorporated of San Antonio, Texas. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

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

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of up to ten Contractor Engineering Technical Services for two years to the Republic of Korea.

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.