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North Atlantic Treaty Organization Consultation, Command, and Control Agency – Satellite Communication Services and Support

On 25 September 2002, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to NATO Consultation, Command, and Control Agency of Satellite Communication Services and Support. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$550 million.

North Atlantic Treaty Organization Consultation, Command, and Control Agency (NATO NC3A) has requested a possible sale of Satellite Communication services and support for Super High Frequency (SHF) Service on Defense System Communications Satellite (DSCS) III Systems, SHF Service on Wideband Gapfiller Satellite (WGS) Systems, Ultra High Frequency (UHF) Service on UHF Follow On (UFO) Satellite Systems, UHF Service on Mobile User Objective System (MUOS) Satellite Systems, control of resources on DSCS III and WGS, control of resources on UFO and MUOS, communications infrastructure upgrade and maintenance support, operation and logistics support including training, publications and documentation, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related requirements. The estimated cost is \$550 million.

This proposed sale is in support of a competition which is limited to bids from member nations that participate in NATO. NATO remains the fundamental component of U.S. national security in the North Atlantic and European regions. By providing satellite communication services, the U.S. ensures interoperability with our own capabilities and those of our NATO allies and maintains a direct influence on NATO's communications architecture.

This proposed sale of satellite communication services and support is for the purpose of providing NATO with replacement Satellite Communications capability in the UHF and SHF frequency bands based on the U.S. National Military SATCOM programs. NATO needs this proposed sale of services to maintain and upgrade its current satellite communications system. NATO has been operating a satellite communications system since the early 1970's.

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

The prime contractor will be ITT of Colorado Springs, Colorado. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of 20 U.S. Government and 23 contractor representatives throughout the NATO's area of operations for 15 years.

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.

