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Israel – Joint Direct Attack Munitions

On 1 June 2004, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Israel of Joint Direct Attack Munitions as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$319 million.

Specifically the Government of Israel has requested a possible sale of:

5,000	Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) tail kits (which include 2,500 GBU-31 for MK-84, 500 GBU-31 for BLU-109, 500 GBU-32 for MK-83, and 1,500 GBU-30 for MK-82 bombs)
2,500	MK-84 live bombs
1,500	MK-82 live bombs
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500	BLU-109 live bombs
500	MK-83 live bombs
40	MK-84 inert bombs
40	MK-82 inert bombs
40	BLU-109 inert bombs
40	MK-83 inert bombs
4,500	DSU-33B/B live fuze components
4,500	FMU-139B/B live fuze components
500	FMU-143B/B live fuze components

Also included are: testing, spare and repair parts, support equipment, contractor engineering and technical support, and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$319 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 proposed sale will contribute significantly to U.S. strategic and tactical objectives. Israel will maintain its qualitative edge with a balance of new weapons procurement and upgrades supporting its existing systems. Israel, which already has tail kits in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional kits.

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

The principal contractors will be: McDonnell Douglas Corporation (subsidiary of the Boeing Company) of St. Charles, Missouri; Alliant Techsystems Incorporated of Janesville, Wisconsin; Alliant Techsystems Incorporated of Clearwater, Florida; Lockheed-Martin Aerospace Corporation of Fort Worth, Texas; Northrop Grumman Company of Los Angeles, California; and Honeywell Corporation of Clearwater, Florida. There are no known offset agreements in connection with this proposed sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government and contractor representatives to Israel.

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.