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Pakistan - HF/VHF Radio Systems

On 7 September 2004, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Pakistan of HF/VHF Radio Systems as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$78 million.

The Government of Pakistan has requested a possible sale for Harris High Frequency/Very High Frequency radio systems, which include 1,635 20-Watt High Frequency (HF) Man Packs, 1,635 20-Watt HF Vehicular Systems, 50 150-Watt HF Vehicular Systems, six (6) 400-Watt HF Base Station Systems, two (2) Radio Frequency Remote Control Systems, ancillary equipment, spare and repairs parts, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, publications, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$78 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to furthering the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping a friendly country provide for its own security against terrorist activity along its porous borders.

The radios will enable Pakistan to improve on its capability to provide current and updated intelligence between patrols and higher headquarters. Also, the radios will increase interoperability between Pakistan and the U.S. and coalition forces assisting in the efforts to curtail and eliminate terrorist activities. Pakistan will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor is Harris Corporation of Rochester, New York. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of a contractor field service representative up to two years to Pakistan. There will be two contractor representatives to provide training and several U.S. Government and contractor representatives will participate in program management and technical reviews for up to four weeks.

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.