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Kuwait - Technical/Logistics Support for F/A-18 Aircraft

On 22 August 2005, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Kuwait of continuing logistics support, contractor maintenance, and technical services in support of the F/A-18 aircraft as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$295 million.

The Government of Kuwait has requested a possible sale of continuing logistics support, contractor maintenance, and technical services in support of the F/A-18 aircraft to include contractor engineering technical services, contractor maintenance support, avionics software, engine component improvement and spare parts, technical ground support equipment, spare and repair parts, supply support, publications and technical data, engineering change proposals, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$295 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 Government of Kuwait needs the contractor technical, maintenance, and logistical services to maintain the operational capabilities of its aircraft, previously procured from the United States. These contractor services will provide for a continuation of the required logistics support through CY 2011.

The contractor maintenance and training technical services will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors participating in this proposed sale are DYNCORP of Fort Worth, Texas; The Boeing Company of St. Louis, Missouri; and Anteon Corporation of Fairfax, Virginia. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of 50 contractor representatives in Kuwait to maintain continuity in the program support through CY 2011.

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.