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Iraq – AN/FPS-117 or TPS-77 Long Range Air Traffic Control Radar

Washington, September 27, 2006 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of one AN/FPS-117 or TPS-77 Long Range Air Traffic Control Radar, as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$142 million.

The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale of one AN/FPS-117 or TPS-77 Long Range Air Traffic Control Radar, support equipment, management support, spare and repair parts, supply support, training, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$142 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. This proposed sale directly supports the Iraqi government and serves the interests of the Iraqi people and the United States.

This proposed sale will enhance the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by enhancing Iraq's capacity to support U.S. Government efforts in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), as well as supporting Iraq's legitimate need for military independence.

The proposed sale of this radar will provide more responsive and timely information for air defense operations. This radar will contribute to the modernization of obsolete radars in Iraq's air defense radar system.

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

The prime contractor will be: Lockheed-Martin Aeronautics Company of Syracuse, New York. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

The number of U.S. Government personnel and contractor representatives required in-country to support the program will be determined in joint negotiations as the program proceeds through the development and production phases

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.