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## **Saudi Arabia - Continued Assistance in the Modernization of the SANG**

On 3 October 2005, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Saudi Arabia for the continuation of the United States supported effort to modernize the Saudi Arabian National Guard (SANG) by providing Major Defense Equipment (MDE) and non-MDE items as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$918 million.

The Government of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible sale for the continuation of the United States supported effort to modernize the Saudi Arabian National Guard (SANG) by providing Major Defense Equipment (MDE) and non-MDE items:

### Major Defense Equipment (MDE)

144 Armored Personnel Carrier Vehicles	3,600 F-2000 5.56mm Assault Rifles with
12 Water Cannon Vehicles	40mm Grenade Launchers
52 Command and Control Vehicles	51,400 F-2000 5.56mm Assault Rifles without
17 Ambulance and Evacuation Vehicles	40mm Grenade Launchers
36 Platoon Command Vehicles	198 AN/VRC-90E SINCGARS Vehicular
55,500 40mm Ammunition	Single Long-Range Radio Systems

SANG has invited General Dynamics Land Systems, Australian Defense Industries, Steyr-Puch Pinzgauer (a subsidiary of General Dynamics Corporation), and BAE (Alvis) to present candidate systems, for the vehicles listed above, to the SANG for testing evaluation in Saudi Arabia. It is expected that the SANG source selection will be based on the results of this test and evaluation process.

### Non-MDE Vehicles

104 ¼-ton trucks	6 executive automobiles
6 pick-up trucks	8 26-passenger buses
16 patrol trucks	24 60-passenger buses
48 10-ton trucks	6 tire demounter trucks
12 5-ton trucks w/winch	9 25-ton wreckers
63 5-ton trucks	6 mobile workshop trucks
6 refrigeration trucks	6 mobile lubrication trucks
16 11,000-gallon fuel tankers	4 5-ton dump trucks
8 9,000-gallon water tankers	11 mobile command trucks
8 16,500-gallon water tankers	

Note: All U. S. standard commercial/non-tactical vehicles or other commercial equivalents.

## Non-MDE

172 Harris Corporation RF-5000v 125W High Frequency (HF) or Current Production Version Commercial HF Radios  
180 M24 7.62 Sniper Weapon System (scope is integrated) or commercial equivalent  
265 Motorola Commercial Very HF Single or Multi-Channel Handheld Radios or other commercial equivalents  
323 12 Gauge Shotguns or commercial equivalent  
Ballistic Protection  
Batons  
Battery Chargers  
Contractor engineering and technical support  
Generators  
Personnel training  
Protective Clothing and Equipment  
Publications  
Shop Equipment

Spare and repair parts  
Sets, Kits, and Outfits (assemblages of components in a container (pouch, box, chest, van, trailer, or shelter) primarily designed to accomplish a specific mission)  
Sights and Scopes (the scope is for the M24 Sniper Weapon System which is an integral component of the weapon system)  
Standard simulations and training systems to include: Multiple Integrated Laser Emitting System, Engagement Skills Trainer for marksmanship training, and the Battle Staff Automated Training System  
Support Equipment to include Mobile Workshops  
Training devices  
Training equipment  
Other related elements of program support

The estimated cost is \$918 million.

The proposed sale coupled with the training, assistance, and advice provided by the U.S. Government through the Office of the Program Manager SANG will serve to make a key regional ally and partner in the Global War on Terror more capable of defeating those who would threaten regional stability, and less reliant on the deployment of U.S. combat forces to maintain or restore stability in the Middle East.

The SANG needs these defense articles so that it can effectively conduct security and counter-terrorism operations. The continuation of services under the SANG Modernization Program is an evolution of the SANG as an effective defensive force with the advice, assistance, and training of the U.S. Army. The Modernization Program ensures necessary training, logistics, support, doctrine development and force integration for the continuing expansion and use of their weapon systems. These services will remain the cornerstone of an effort to upgrade and enhance the infrastructure of the SANG organization.

The proposed sale will also provide the SANG with additional command, control, and communications equipment needed to operate in a secure communications environment that will facilitate the performance of its mission within Saudi Arabia. It is consistent with the National Command Authority's intent for stability in the Central Command Area of Operation. The radios will modernize equipment and provide the critical VHF and HF links necessary for a large fast moving force and integration with the SINCGAR radios the SANG already has fielded in its Light Armored Vehicle and Light Infantry Brigades.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region. Saudi Arabia is capable of absorbing and maintaining this additional MDE equipment in its inventory.

The principal contractors will be:

Fabrique Nationale Herstal, USA	McLean, Virginia
ITT Aerospace/Communications	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Harris Corporation	Rochester, New York
Motorola Corporation	Schaumburg, Illinois

There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

At present, there are approximately 219 U.S. Government personnel and 541 contractor representatives in country supporting the SANG modernization program.

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.