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Iraq - Upgrade of UH-I to UH-II HUEY Helicopters

WASHINGTON, August 17, 2007 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of UH-I HUEY repair parts as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$150 million.

The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale to upgrade 16 UH-I HUEY helicopters to the UH-II configuration, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, communications equipment, maintenance, personnel training and training equipment, Quality Assurance Team support services, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, preparation of aircraft for shipment, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$150 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.

The sale of these helicopters and support will enhance the ability of the Iraqi forces to sustain themselves in their efforts to bring stability to the country and prevent overflow of unrest into neighboring countries.

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

The contractor is ARINC Corporation in Annapolis, Maryland. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will require the assignment of up to four U.S. Government Quality Assurance representatives to Iraq for three weeks following delivery of the helicopters.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.

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