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**Australia - Joint Tactical Information Distribution Systems  
Class 2H Airborne Terminals**

On 24 May, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale of 16 Joint Tactical Information Distribution Systems (JTIDS) Class 2H Airborne Terminals, personnel training and training equipment, support of electronic support measures, broadcast intelligence, electronic counter measures, tactical data link testing, software development/integration, support and test equipment, communications software and software support, publications and technical data, spare and repair parts, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics assistance and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$64 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 which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Asia Pacific region.

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

The principal contractors will be Boeing Company in Seattle, Washington, and the Northrop-Grumman Company in Baltimore, Maryland. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

There will be four U.S. Government representatives assigned for two one-week intervals annually to participate in program management and technical reviews.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.