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CANADA – Standard Missiles

On 25 June, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Canada of SM-2 Standard missiles and associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$19 Million.

The Government of Canada has requested a possible sale of 12 SM-2 Block IIIA STANDARD missiles, 12 MK 13 MOD 0 canisters, containers, spare and repair parts, supply support, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$19 million.

This proposed sale would contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Canada and furthering weapon system standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces.

The Canadian Navy requires these defense articles to provide Anti-Aircraft Warfare (AAW) System capability. The evolution of the AAW threat in littoral nations mandates this defense capability. The Canadian Navy intends to use the defense articles on their Destroyer Class surface ships to safely operate the SM-2 Block STANDARD missiles for self-defense against air and cruise missile threat in Canada and the NATO theater community. Canada, which already has STANDARD missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.

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

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems Company of Tucson, Arizona. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Canada.

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.