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JORDAN – AN/FPS 117 3D Long Range Radar

On 12 April, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Jordan of AN/FPS 3D Long Range Radar and associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$22 Million.

The Government of Jordan has requested a possible sale of one (1) AN/FPS-117 3-Dimensional Long Range Radar, spares and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$22 million.

This proposed sale will further strengthen the military ties between the U.S. and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Strategically located in the Middle-Eastern region, Jordan has been a staunch U.S. ally for over thirty years. Jordan is geographically located in a highly volatile area and is providing crucial stability against overwhelming destabilizing forces. Jordan deployed key medical facilities and personnel in an effort to support the Afghanistan population in the aftermath of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

Jordan shares its easternmost border with Iraq and provides a critical buffer between potential adversaries and U.S. allies. This proposed sale will further strengthen Jordan as a coalition partner by providing greater interoperability and shared information resources with the U.S. and other coalition forces in the region.

Jordan is threatened by a hostile neighbor with credible air and land forces. While the nation depends on external support, the Royal Jordanian Air Force (RJAF) must have adequate and technologically current radar surveillance capabilities to protect its vital resources and centers of gravity (airfields, runways, support facilities, pre-positioned materials, petroleum refineries and storage systems, etc.) during the early part of an invasion until allies can arrive with reinforcements.

Jordan's relatively small population and defense force requires that it depend on a radar capability able to provide advanced early warning of potentially hostile activity. A large portion of Jordan's small defense force must be allocated to defend against an aerial attack; thus, advance warning, coupled with aerial choreography of launching aircraft, makes this sale a priority. To defend against large-scale attacks and attacks by high speed aircraft, the RJAF must be able to detect, identify, and track airborne forces accurately at long range.

Jordan requires a radar capable of detecting an adversary's activities at long ranges in order to protect its sovereign territory, population, and infrastructure. The proposed sale of this system will enhance Jordan's defensive capability against hostile attack and it will not have difficulty absorbing this system into its armed forces.

While Jordan does not have the resources to protect itself against a prolonged invasion, they are attempting to modernize their defense force with sufficient resources and capabilities to identify an adversary's intent and provide a tactical portrait of the field. Protection of critical assets such as air and land facilities is essential to secure the future of Jordan.

The prime contractor will be Lockheed Martin, Naval Electronics and Surveillance Systems of Syracuse, New York. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

There is no impact to U.S. readiness from this sale. This article will come from new procurement. Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of U.S. Government (USG) representatives to Jordan. There will be a small team of U.S. contractor representatives to provide initial installation and radar operations testing, in addition to follow-on operations and maintenance instruction, and on-site technical support. The contractors will initially provide 24-hour support, followed by only one of the contractors remaining in Jordan to provide additional on-site technical support and training. The specific requirements for this support will be established during program definition between representatives of the USG and the purchaser.

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.