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United Arab Emirates - Refurbished/upgraded E-2C Aircraft to the E2C HAWKEYE 2000

On 4 September, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the United Arab Emirates of refurbished/upgraded E-2C aircraft to the E-2C HAWKEYE 2000 as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$400 million.

The Government of the United Arab Emirates has requested a possible sale of 5 refurbished/upgraded E-2C aircraft to the E-2C HAWKEYE 2000, 5 AN/APS-145 radars, 5 OE-335/A antenna groups, 10 T56-A-425 engines, spare and repairs parts, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, technical data and publications, tactical software and software laboratory, system software development and installation, testing of new system modifications, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$400 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 Middle East.

The United Arab Emirates needs the E-2C aircraft to develop an effective air defense network for their naval forces and provide an Airborne Early Warning (AEW) surveillance and enhanced command, control, and communications capability. UAE will have no difficulty absorbing the E-2C aircraft into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Northrop Grumman Aircraft Corporation of Bethpage, New York. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

Implementation of this sale will require the assignment of up to 14 contractor representatives to UAE for two years, followed by an extension for an additional two to three years following delivery of the aircraft in country. A Navy Weapon System Liaison Office staffed by one person will be required for the first three years.

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.