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Republic of Korea - Depot Maintenance Support

On 7 September 2004, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Republic of Korea of Depot Maintenance Support as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$70 million.

The Republic of Korea has requested a possible sale of continuing contractor maintenance and training technical services for depot maintenance support for Peace Pioneer program equipment, spare and repair parts, support equipment, supply support, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, contractor engineering services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$70 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 that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in Northeast Asia.

The Republic of Korea needs this depot maintenance support to sustain its Peace Pioneer prime mission equipment (PME) in order to maintain full defense capability due to the political situation. The Peace Pioneer program was notified to Congress in 1995 for a signal intelligence collection system with PME, attendant ground links, and ground processing equipment. This proposed sale is for contractor depot maintenance support to be provided in the United States by the contractor. The depot maintenance will be done on the PME that is the actual hardware contained in the RC-1800 aircraft, which is used to gather the intelligence data, and the ground station hardware, which is used to download and interpret the data. This proposed sale is for continuing contractor depot maintenance support and will provide approximately eight more years of coverage.

The contractor maintenance and training technical services will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be L-3 Communications Integrated Systems in Greenville, Texas. There are no known 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 representatives or contractor representatives to Korea.

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.