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KUWAIT – Apache Helicopters

On 17 April, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Kuwait of AH-64D Apache Helicopters and associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$2.1 Billion.

The Government of Kuwait has requested a possible sale of 16 AH-64D Apache attack helicopters, four (4) spare T-700-GE -701C engines with gas generator first state 401C turbine blades, four (4) spare M299 HELLFIRE launchers, 96 Longbow HELLFIRE AGM-114L3 and 288 HELLFIRE AGM-114K3 missiles, 16 dummy missiles, 16 Modernized Targeting Acquisition and Designation Systems, eight (8) AN/APG-78 Longbow Fire Control Radar, 30mm cartridges, 2.75-inch rockets, ammunition, spare and repair parts, communications equipment, support equipment, simulators, quality assurance teams, chemical masks, tools and test sets, chaff dispensers, Integrated Helmet and Display Sight Systems, electronic equipment, test facility spares, publications, Quality Assurance Teams, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical support and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$2.1 billion.

This proposed sale will help to enhance the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by providing Kuwait a creditable defensive anti-armor augmentation.

Regional foreign policy and military developments affecting this sale have been carefully considered and the positive features of having a friendly coalition force in the region are a driving force. This proposed sale would not destabilize the Middle Eastern region balance of power.

Kuwait desires these articles to fulfill its strategic commitments for self-defense and self-reliance and coalition force compatibility. The proposed sale will upgrade the Kuwaiti anti-armor day/night missile capability, provide for the defense of vital installations and provide close air support for the military ground forces. Kuwait will have no difficulty absorbing these helicopters into its armed forces.

The principal contractors will be Boeing Company in Mesa, Arizona; Lockheed Martin Electronics and Missiles in Orlando, Florida; Lockheed Martin Systems Integration in Owego, New York; General Electric in Lynn, Massachusetts; and Longbow International in Orlando, Florida. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

Implementation of this sale will require the assignment of several U.S. Government Quality Assurance Teams to Kuwait for one month to assist in the delivery and deployment of the helicopters. There will be U.S. Government representatives for two-week intervals twice annually to participate in program management and technical reviews. Up to 40 contractor representatives will serve as technical representative, for approximately two years following initial deployment. One each U.S. Government and contractor representatives representing varying technical skills and disciplines, will be required to provide in-country support for an extended period of time.

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.