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THAILAND – UH-60L BLACKHAWK Helicopters

On 18 March 2003, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Thailand of UH-60L BLACKHAWK helicopters as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$35 million.

The Government of Thailand has requested a possible sale of two UH-60L BLACKHAWK helicopters with T-700 engines, two spare T-700 engines, M130 chaff dispenser, receivers, spare and repair parts, gun pods, tools and support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team (QAT), contractor engineering and technical support services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$35 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 South East Asia.

This procurement will upgrade its air mobility capability and provide for the defense of vital installations and close air support for ground forces. Thailand will have no difficulty absorbing these helicopters into its armed forces.

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

The principle contractor will be United Technology, Sikorsky Aircraft of Stratford, Connecticut. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will require the assignment of several U.S. Government Quality Assurance Teams for one-week intervals, twice annually, to participate in program management and technical reviews. There will be several U.S. Army National Guard Personnel, for a month, and a contractor field service representative, for two years, in Thailand.

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.