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## **Austria – UH-60M Black Hawk Helicopters**

WASHINGTON, Dec 5, 2013 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress today of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Austria for UH-60M Black Hawk Helicopters in Total Package Approach and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$137 million.

The Government of Austria has requested a possible sale of:

- 3 UH-60M Black Hawk helicopters in standard USG configuration with designated unique equipment and Government Furnished Equipment (GFE)
- 3 Aviation Survivability Equipment (ASE)
- 7 T700-GE-701D Engines (6 installed and 1 spare)
- 3 Aviation Mission Planning Systems
- 1 Transportable Black Hawk Operations Simulator (TBOS)
- 8 AN/AVS-9 Night Vision Goggles
- 1 Aviation Ground Power Unit
- 8 Embedded Global Positioning Systems with Inertial Navigation

Also included are Communication Security equipment including AN/ARC-231, AN/ARC-210, AN/ARC-220 and AN/ARC-201D radios, Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) systems, AN/VRC-92 SINCGARS, aircraft warranty, air worthiness support, facility construction, spare and repair parts, support equipment, communication equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, site surveys, tool and test equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics support services, and other related element of program, technical and logistics support. The estimated cost is \$137 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 progress in Europe.

The proposed sale of UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters will improve Austria's capability to conduct domestic search and rescue missions, border surveillance operations, and contribute to international operations. The proposed sale will also contribute to the Austrian military's modernization goals while enhancing interoperability between Austria, the U.S., and other allies. Austria, which has S-70A-42 aircraft in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional helicopters and support into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor will be Sikorsky Aircraft Company in Stratford, Connecticut. The engines will be purchased from General Electric Aircraft Company (GEAC) in Lynn, Massachusetts. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require nine U.S. government or contractor representatives to travel to Austria for a period of up to five years for support.

There will be no adverse impact on the U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law and does not mean the sale has been concluded.