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Saudi Arabia - Engineering Services Program (ESP)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, 2011 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress Dec. 22 of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia of the continuation of services for the PATRIOT Systems Engineering Services Program (ESP) and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$120 million.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible sale of the continuation of services for the PATRIOT Systems Engineering Services Program (ESP). Also included: modification kits, engineering changes, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$120 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 the Middle East.

The proposed sale will facilitate the continuation of existing services that Saudi Arabia has had under the Shared Engineering Services Program (SESP) for the past 20 years. The ESP provides material support to Saudi's defense and serves U.S. interests in the region.

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

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Integrated Defense in Andover, Massachusetts. 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 or contractor representatives to Saudi Arabia.

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 and does not mean the sale has been concluded.