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## **Iraq – Follow-On Technical Support for Vessel Maintenance and Repair**

WASHINGTON, September 24, 2024 - The State Department has made a determination approving a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Iraq of Follow-On Technical Support Vessel Maintenance and Repair and related equipment for an estimated cost of \$65 million. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered the required certification notifying Congress of this possible sale today.

The Government of Iraq has requested to buy additional services that will be added to a previously implemented case whose value was under the congressional notification threshold. The original Foreign Military Sales case, valued at \$39 million, included follow-on technical support (FOTS) for vessel maintenance and repair (VMR), which may include ship repair; maintenance; sustainment; support services; repair; upgrades; overhaul services; associated labor and support; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services of off-shore vessels, patrol boats and defenders of U.S. origin; fuel for quarterly tri-lateral exercises; and other related elements of logistics and program support. This notification is for the continuation of this support and services. The estimated total cost is \$65 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a strategic partner.

The proposed sale will improve Iraq's capability to meet current and future threats by enhancing the strength of its homeland defense. Iraq will have no difficulty absorbing these services into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor will be Amentum, located in Chantilly, VA. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of approximately sixty-five contractor representatives from various nationalities to be stationed in Iraq annually to support the VMR program.

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

The description and dollar value are for the highest estimated quantity and dollar value based on initial requirements. Actual dollar value will be lower depending on final requirements, budget authority, and signed sales agreement(s), if and when concluded.

All questions regarding this proposed Foreign Military Sale should be directed to the State Department's Bureau of Political Military-Affairs, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, [pm-cpa@state.gov](mailto:pm-cpa@state.gov).