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United Arab Emirates – Oceanographic Observation Equipment System

WASHINGTON, July 21, 2022 - The State Department has made a determination approving a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of the United Arab Emirates of Oceanographic Observation Equipment System and related equipment for an estimated cost of \$206 million. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered the required certification notifying Congress of this possible sale today.

The Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has requested to buy an Oceanographic Observation Equipment System that includes multi-site sensors; multiple remote data collection facilities; support for centralized data analysis center eight (8) data analysis workstations; fiber optic communications suites; power supplies; uninterruptable power supplies; power and data distribution; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total cost is \$206 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of an important regional partner. The UAE has been, and continues to be, a vital U.S. partner for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale will provide UAE with real-time oceanographic data in defense of the UAE maritime boundary, natural resources and ports. The United Arab Emirates will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment 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(s) will be Lockheed Martin Rotary and Mission System, Manassas, VA. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of two (2) contractor representatives to the UAE to provide technical reviews, support, and oversight for two and a half (2.5) years following initial operating capability.

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. The description and dollar value is 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.