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## **Canada - CH-47D CHINOOK Helicopters**

WASHINGTON, April 21, 2008 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Canada of CH-47D CHINOOK Helicopters as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$375 million.

The Government of Canada has requested a possible sale of six CH-47D CHINOOK Helicopters with 12 (2 per helicopter) T55-GA-714A Turbine engines, 4 M240H Machine Guns, 30 AN/AVS-6/7(V)1 Aviation Night Vision Imaging Systems, and 2 spare T-55-GA-714A Turbine engines, mission equipment, communication and navigation equipment, ground support equipment, spare and repair parts, special tools and test equipment, publications and technical data, site survey, Quality Assurance Team support, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$375 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Canada and furthering weapon system standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces. Canadian deployments in support of peacekeeping and humanitarian operations have made a significant impact to global political and economic stability and have served U.S. national security interests.

Canada needs these helicopters to enhance its capabilities in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). Having the same configuration as the U.S. would greatly contribute to Canada's military capability by making it a more sustainable coalition force to support GWOT. The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractors will be: The Boeing Company in Ridley Park, PA; Honeywell, Inc. in Phoenix, AZ; and FN Enterprise in Lubbock, TX. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of contractor representatives to Canada and in the theater of operations for an unspecified amount of time. Also, approximately 6 U.S. Government personnel will participate in program management and technical reviews in-country for one to two-week intervals twice annually to support site surveys and delivery of the CH-47D helicopters in-country.

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.