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Jordan - UH-60M VIP Blackhawk Helicopter

WASHINGTON, May 5, 2015 - The State Department has made a determination approving a possible Foreign Military Sale to Jordan for a UH-60M VIP Blackhawk helicopter and associated equipment, parts and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$21 million. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered the required certification notifying Congress of this possible sale today.

The Government of Jordan has requested a possible sale of one (1) UH-60M Black Hawk Helicopter, with two (2) T700-GE-701D Engines, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, support equipment, communication equipment, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, logistics, and technical support services, aircraft survivability equipment, aviation mission planning system, tools and test equipment, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$21 million.

The 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 economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale of one Black Hawk helicopter to Jordan will provide intra-country transportation for the Royal family, Jordanian officials, visiting Heads of State, and other dignitaries. Jordan, which already has Black Hawk helicopters in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing this additional helicopter.

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

The principal contractors will be Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford, Connecticut; and General Electric Company in Cincinnati, Ohio. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Jordan.

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.

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.