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## **The Government of Kuwait – Sniper Advanced Targeting Pods (ATP)**

WASHINGTON, Nov 5, 2015 - The State Department has made a determination approving a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Kuwait for Sniper Advanced Targeting Pods (ATP) and associated equipment, parts and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$115 million. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered the required certification notifying Congress of this possible sale on November 4, 2015.

The Government of Kuwait has requested a possible sale of:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Fourteen (14) AN/AAQ-33 Sniper Advanced Targeting Pods (ATP)

Non-MDE items included in this request are associated equipment, spares, accessories, and airworthiness certification. The sale will include the above system integration on the purchaser's F/A-18 aircraft along with improvements in the on-board mission computer software suites. Operational support for these modifications will be provided through upgrades. Also included in this request are systems integration and testing, software development/integration, test sets, support equipment, spares, repair parts, maintenance and pilot training, publications and technical documents, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, and other related elements of logistics, engineering and program support. The estimated cost of MDE is \$50 million. The total estimated cost is \$115 million.

Kuwait has requested the Sniper ATP due to its compatibility with the latest precision-guided weapons and capability of detecting, identifying, and engaging multiple moving and fixed targets in air-to-air and air-to-ground engagements. Integration of the Sniper ATP on Kuwait's F/A-18 aircraft would enhance its ability to protect itself against possible aggression from foreign forces.

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. Kuwait plays a large role in U.S. efforts to advance stability in the Middle East, providing basing, access, and transit for U.S. forces in the region.

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

The principal contractor will be Lockheed Martin Missile and Fire Control, Orlando, Florida.

Offset agreements associated with this proposed sale are expected and will be determined during negotiations between the purchaser and contractor.

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](mailto:pm-cpa@state.gov).