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Romania – Weapons, Equipment, and Support for F-16 Block 15 MLU
Aircraft

WASHINGTON, Nov 8, 2013 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress today of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Romania of weapons, equipment, and support for 12 F-16 MLU Block 15 for an estimated cost of \$457 million.

The Government of Romania has requested a possible sale of weapons, equipment, and support for 12 F-16 MLU Block 15 aircraft that will be procured through a third party transfer from Portugal. Articles and services will include:

- 13 Embedded Global Positioning Systems/Inertial Navigation Systems (EGPS/INS) with GPS Security Devices, Airborne
- 3 AN/ALQ-131 Electronic Countermeasure Pods
- 30 AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM)
- 5 AIM-120C Captive Air Training Missiles (CATMs)
- 60 AIM-9M Sidewinder Missiles
- 4 AIM-9M CATMs
- 48 LAU-129 Launchers
- 10 GBU-12 Enhanced Guided Bomb Units
- 18 AGM-65H/KB Maverick Missiles
- 4 AGM-65 CATMs
- 15 Multifunctional Information Distribution System/Low Volume Terminals
- 2 Multifunctional Information Distribution System Ground Support Systems

Also included are spare and repair parts, support equipment, tanker support, ferry services, repair and return services, software development/integration, test and equipment, supply support, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$457 million.

The proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve security of a NATO ally which continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress. The proposed sale of weapons, equipment, and support for the transferred F-16s will support Romania's needs for its own self-defense and enhance the interoperability of these aircraft with those of the U.S. and other NATO nations.

The proposed sale will support the Romanian Air Force's (RoAF) efforts to equip and utilize the 12 F-16 aircraft it is procuring from Portugal. These aircraft will provide the RoAF with a fleet of modernized multi-role combat aircraft. This proposed sale of weapons, equipment, and follow-on F-16 support will enable Romania to support both its own air defense needs and coalition operations. The RoAF will have no difficulty absorbing these systems into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this follow-on support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be:

Elbit Systems of America	Fort Worth, Texas
Pratt and Whitney	East Hartford, Connecticut
BAE Systems Inc.	Arlington, Virginia
Lockheed Martin Corp.	Fort Worth, Texas
Northrup Grumman Aerospace Systems	Redondo Beach, California
ViaSat Inc.	Carlsbad, California
Data Link Solutions LLC	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Snap-On Inc.	Kenosha, Wisconsin
Booz Allen Hamilton Engineering Services, LLC	McLean, Virginia

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 Romania.

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.