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## **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - Support Services**

WASHINGTON, Apr 21, 2014 – The State Department has made a determination approving a possible Foreign Military Sale to Saudi Arabia for support services and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$80 million. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered the required certification notifying Congress of this possible sale on April 17, 2014.

The Government of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible sale to provide three years of support services for the Facilities Security Forces- Training and Advisory Group (FSF-TAG) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in support of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ministry of Interior (MOI). The support will include technical assistance and advisory support salaries, housing, office equipment, training, maintenance, vehicles, travel, furniture, and other related support. The estimated cost is \$80 million.

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 in the Middle East.

This proposed sale will provide the continuation of FSF-TAG and its ability to provide services to Saudi Arabia's MOI in support of its critical infrastructure protection efforts. The proposed sale conveys the U.S.'s continued commitment to Saudi Arabia's security and strengthens our strategic partnership.

The proposed sale will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

There is no prime contractor associated with this proposed sale. There are no known offset agreements in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale requires the assignment of U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Saudi Arabia. At present, there are approximately 95 U.S. Government personnel and contractor representatives in country supporting FSF-TAG.

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.