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**Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States -
Retrofit of F-16A/B Aircraft**

WASHINGTON, September 21, 2011 -- The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress today of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States of retrofitting of F-16A/B aircraft and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$5.3 billion.

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States has requested a retrofit of 145 F-16A/B aircraft that includes sale of: 176 Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radars; 176 Embedded Global Positioning System Inertial Navigation Systems; 176 ALQ-213 Electronic Warfare Management systems; upgrade 82 ALQ-184 Electronic Countermeasures (ECM) pods to incorporate Digital Radio Frequency Memory (DRFM) technology or purchase new ECM pods (AN/ALQ-211(V)9 Airborne Integrated Defensive Electronic Warfare Suites (AIDEWS) with DRFM, or AN/ALQ-131 pods with DRFM); 86 tactical data link terminals; upgrade 28 electro-optical infrared targeting Sharpshooter pods; 26 AN/AAQ-33 SNIPER Targeting Systems or AN/AAQ-28 LITENING Targeting Systems; 128 Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing Systems; 128 Night Vision Goggles; 140 AIM-9X SIDEWINDER Missiles; 56 AIM-9X Captive Air Training Missiles; 5 AIM-9X Telemetry kits; 16 GBU-31V1 Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAMs) kits; 80 GBU-38 JDAM kits; Dual Mode/ Global Positioning System Laser-Guided Bombs (16 GBU-10 Enhanced PAVEWAY II or GBU-56 Laser JDAM, 80 GBU-12 Enhanced PAVEWAY II or GBU-54 Laser JDAM, 16 GBU-24 Enhanced PAVEWAY III); 64 CBU-105 Sensor Fused Weapons with Wind-Corrected Munition Dispensers (WDMD); 153 LAU-129 Launchers with missile interface; upgrade of 158 APX-113 Advanced Identification Friend or Foe Combined Interrogator Transponders; and HAVE GLASS II applications. Also included are: ammunition, alternate mission equipment, engineering and design study on replacing existing F100-PW-220 engines with F100-PW-229 engines, update of Modular Mission Computers, cockpit multifunction displays, communication equipment, Joint Mission Planning Systems, maintenance, construction, repair and return, aircraft tanker support, aircraft ferry services, aircraft and ground support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support, test equipment, site surveys, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$5.3 billion.

This sale is consistent with United States law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and enhance its defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

The proposed retrofit improves both the capabilities and the reliability of the recipient's fleet of F-16A/B aircraft. The improved capability, survivability, and reliability of newly retrofitted F-16A/B aircraft will greatly enhance the recipient's ability to defend its borders.

The prime contractor will be the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company in Fort Worth, Texas. This proposed sale may involve the following additional contractors:

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| BAE Advance Systems | Greenland, New York |
| Boeing Integrated Defense Systems | St Louis, Missouri |
| Goodrich ISR Systems | Danbury, Connecticut |
| ITT Defense Electronics and Services | McLean, Virginia |
| ITT Integrated Structures | North Amityville, New York |
| ITT Night Vision | Roanoke, Virginia |
| L3 Communications | Arlington, Texas |
| Lockheed Martin Missile and Fire Control | Dallas, Texas |
| Lockheed Martin Simulation, Training, and Support | Fort Worth, Texas |
| Marvin Engineering Company | Inglewood, California |
| Northrop-Grumman Electro-Optical Systems | Garland, Texas |
| Northrop-Grumman Electronic Systems | Baltimore, Maryland |
| Pratt & Whitney | East Hartford, Connecticut |
| Raytheon Company | Goleta, California |
| Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems | El Segundo, California |
| Raytheon Missile System | Tucson, Arizona |
| Symetrics Industries | Melbourne, Florida |
| Terma | Denmark |

At this time there are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will require the assignment of five (5) contractor representatives to the recipient to provide engineering and technical support for the first two years of the program. Additionally, approximately two trips per year will be required for U.S. Government personnel and contractor representatives for the duration of the program for program and technical support.

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.