

## POLICY JUSTIFICATION

### Colombia - UH-60L MEDEVAC BLACK HAWK Helicopters

The Government of Colombia has requested a possible sale of two UH-60L MEDEVAC BLACK HAWK helicopters with T700-GE-701C or 401C engines, spare and repair parts, communications and support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, contractor engineering and technical support services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$43 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 which has been and continues to be an important force in the war on drugs.

The proposed helicopter sale will be of critical value in the establishment of the Colombian Army Search and Rescue/MEDEVAC Program. Colombia has no transportation for search, rescue, or evacuating injured personnel from the battlefield. Current personnel losses in the field can be directly attributed to the lack of helicopters for search and rescue. These helicopters will help greatly in preventing loss of life now being felt because their injured personnel cannot be moved rapidly from the battlefield. Colombia, which already has UH-60 model helicopters in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing the MEDEVAC helicopters.

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

The prime contractor will be Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation of Stratford, Connecticut. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

##### Office of the Secretary

##### Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee meeting date change.

SUMMARY: On Monday, August 22, 2005 (70 FR 48937) the Department of Defense announced open meetings of

the Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Manufacturing Technology. The November 2005 meeting dates have been revised from November 2-3, 2005 to November 2, 2005 only. The task force will meet in closed session. The meeting will be held at Strategic Analysis Inc., 3601 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 600, Arlington, VA.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

##### Missile Defense Agency; Membership of the Missile Defense Agency Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Missile Defense Agency, DoD.