POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Kuwait - Technical/Logistics Support for F/A-18 Aircraft

The Government of Kuwait has requested a possible sale of continuing logistics support, contractor maintenance, and technical services in support of the F/A-18 aircraft to include contractor engineering technical services, contractor maintenance support, avionics software, engine component improvement and spare parts, technical ground support equipment, spare and repair parts, supply support, publications and technical data, engineering change proposals, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is $90 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 for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The Government of Kuwait needs this logistics support, contractor maintenance, and technical services to maintain the operational capabilities of its aircraft.

The contractor maintenance and training technical services will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors are: Boeing Company of St. Louis, Missouri; and General Dynamics of Fairfax, Virginia. Although the purchaser generally requires offsets, at this time, 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 U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Kuwait.

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

Meeting of the Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee will meet in closed session on December 11, 2007 from 0800 hrs until 2030 and December 12, 2007 from 0730 hrs until 1430 at the Pentagon.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense and Under Secretary of Defense for Policy with independent, informed advice on major matters of defense policy. The Board will hold classified discussions on national security matters.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92–463, as amended [5 U.S.C. 552B(c)(1)(1982)], and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: November 14, 2007.

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