

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 \$95 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 will be The Boeing Company in St. Louis, Missouri; and General Dynamics in Fairfax, 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 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

[Transmittal Nos. 09-36]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601-3740.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 09-36 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: July 28, 2009.

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Department of Defense.

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Transmittal No. 09-36**Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended**

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** Australia
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- | | |
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| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 0 million |
| Other | <u>\$300 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$300 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** continue participation in the USAF/Boeing Globemaster III Sustainment Partnership (GSP) which consists of support for Australia's fleet of four Boeing C-17A Globemaster III cargo aircraft, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, support equipment, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (QAL)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:** FMS case SEN-\$1.2B-19May06
- (vi) **Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:** none
- (vii) **Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:** None
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** JUL 17 2009

* as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Australia Participation in USAF C-17 Globemaster Sustainment Partnership

The Government of Australia has requested to continue participation in the USAF/Boeing Globemaster III Sustainment Partnership (GSP) which consists of support for Australia's fleet of four Boeing C-17A Globemaster III cargo aircraft, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, support equipment, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$300 million.

Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region. Australia's efforts in peacekeeping and humanitarian operations in Iraq and in Afghanistan have had a significant impact on regional, political, and economic stability and have served U.S. national security interests. This proposed sale is consistent with those objectives and facilitates burden-sharing with our allies.

This program will ensure Australia can effectively maintain its current force projection capability that enhances interoperability with U.S. forces. Australia is a staunch supporter of the U.S. in Iraq and Afghanistan. Australia's troops are deployed in support of IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM, where U.S. assets currently provide this proposed capability.

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

The principal contractor will be Boeing Integrated Defense Systems in St. Louis, MO. There are no known offset agreements in connection with this proposed sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of ten U.S. Government and contractor representatives to participate in program management and technical reviews for two-week intervals annually. Additionally, up to ten contractor representatives will be required to provide in-country services throughout the life of this case.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 09-27]

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