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Policy Justification

Kuwait—Follow-On Logistics and Technical Support

The Government of Kuwait has requested a possible sale for continuing logistics support, training, depot-level repair services, and technical services in support of AH–64D APACHE helicopters, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services and other related elements of program and logistics support. The estimated cost is $200 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 proposed sale of logistics and technical support will enable the Kuwaiti Air Force to ensure the reliability and performance of its APACHE helicopters. The follow-on support will allow Kuwait to maintain aircraft availability/operational rates, and enhance interoperability with the U.S. and other nations.

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

The principal contractors will be The Boeing Company in Mesa, Arizona; Lockheed Martin Corporation in Orlando, Florida; Longbow Limited Liability Corporation in Orlando, Florida; and Lockheed Martin Mission Sensors and Systems in Owego, New York. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale may require an extension to the assignment of additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Kuwait. There will be U.S. Government and contractor representatives for one-week intervals once annually to participate in working level meetings. Approximately 44 contractor representatives will serve as technical representatives for approximately three (3) years following the end of the current contract base year. Additionally, up to three (3) U.S. Government personnel and one (1) contractor representative, with various technical skills and disciplines, will be required to provide in-country support for an extended period of time.

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

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 18, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537. Copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from http://edciweb.ed.gov, by selecting the “Browse Pending Collections” link and by clicking on link number 04890. When you access the information collection, click on “Download Attachments” to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202–401–0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.


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