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Iraq - T-56A-7 Engines and Logistics Support for C-130 Aircraft

On 10 March 2005, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of six T-56A-7 engines and logistics support for C-130 aircraft as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$132 million.

The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale of six T-56A-7 engines and logistics support for C-130 aircraft to include supply and maintenance support, flares, software upgrades, pyrotechnics, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and documentation, personnel training and training equipment, fuel and fueling services, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$132 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. This proposed sale directly supports the Iraqi government and serves the interests of the Iraqi people and the U.S., as well as offering hope for a more stable and peaceful Middle East.

The Government of Iraq needs the spare engines, contractor technical support, maintenance, and logistical services to maintain the operational capabilities of its C-130E aircraft, previously procured from the United States. These C-130E aircraft will be used to provide airlift support. Additionally, this sale offers the U.S. the opportunity to facilitate the political transition currently underway and build additional links to the Iraqi military.

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

There will be a competition between contractors in joint negotiations for Contractor Engineering Technical Services. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale may require the assignment of up to four representatives to support Contractor Engineering Technical Services in Iraq for two years.

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; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.