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United Arab Emirates – Pilot Training Program with Cartridges, Services, and Support

WASHINGTON, June 18, 2007 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) of a Pilot Training Program as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$201 million.

The Government of United Arab Emirates (UAE) has requested a possible sale of United States pilot proficiency training programs and munitions, services and support for F-16 aircraft which includes: 105,000 20mm cartridges, aircraft modifications kits, maintenance, participation in joint training Continental United States (CONUS) pilot proficiency training program, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals training, F-5B transition and continuation training, fighter follow-on preparation training, participation in joint training exercises, fuel and fueling services, supply support, flight training, spare/repair parts, support equipment, program support, publications, documentation, personnel training, training equipment, contractor technical and logistics personnel services and other related program requirements necessary to sustain a long-term CONUS training program. The estimated cost is \$201 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the U.S. by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The pilot training will take place at Alliance International Airport, Fort Worth, Texas. It will enable the UAE to develop mission ready and experienced pilots through CONUS training by providing a “capstone” course that takes experienced pilots and significantly improves their tactical proficiency. Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals is a pre-cursor to F-16 Block 60-transition training that UAE pilots will receive in Tucson.

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

The principal contractors will be: Alliance Aviation Center of Excellence at Fort Worth, Texas, and Lockheed Martin Simulation, Training and Support also at Fort Worth, Texas. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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.