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## **Saudi Arabia - AN/FPS-117 Long Range Radar Upgrade**

WASHINGTON, September 26, 2008 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Saudi Arabia of AN/FPS-117 Long Range Radar Upgrade as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$145 million.

The Government of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible equipment upgrade of 17 AN/FPS-117 radars, which includes installation and checkout, engineering, calibration, reintegration, testing, support equipment, spare and repair parts, personnel training, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$145 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 that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed upgrade of this radar will extend the operational life of the existing radars and will lower operation and maintenance requirements and lower cost by reducing the number of line replaceable units.

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

The prime contractor will be Lockheed-Martin Aeronautics Company of Syracuse, New York. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will involve up to six U.S. government and four contractor personnel to participate in program reviews at the contractor's facility every six months. There will be approximately two contractors in Saudi Arabia providing technical assistance and routine maintenance on a full-time basis until first installation and checkout.

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.