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Singapore – F-16 Pilot Proficiency-Training Program

WASHINGTON, September 9, 2009 – Today the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Singapore of a Continental United States (CONUS) pilot proficiency-training program and other related support and services at Springfield Air National Guard Base (ANGB), OH with United States Air Force leased F-16 aircraft. The estimated cost is \$75 million.

Also included are services and support, training munitions, maintenance, fuel and fueling services, supply support, flight training, spare and repair parts, support equipment, program support, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the U.S. by helping to improve the security of a critical regional partner which has been, and continues to be, an important force for economic progress in Southeast Asia. This proposed sale will help augment the Republic of Singapore's self-defense capability and will ensure interoperability with U.S. forces coalition operations. Singapore is a firm supporter of U.S. overseas contingency operations.

Singapore needs these training munitions, services and equipment to continue to train its F-16 pilots in a well-established pilot proficiency-training program at Springfield ANGB, Ohio. This program will enable Singapore to develop mission-ready and experienced pilots through a CONUS training program to support Singapore's current and future F-16 aircraft inventory. The long-term pilot training program in CONUS continues a professional interaction and enhances operational interoperability with U.S. forces.

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

There is no prime contractor involved in this program. 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 additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Singapore.

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 and does not mean the sale has been concluded.