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Belgium – Javelin Missiles

WASHINGTON, August 6, 2012 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress Aug. 3 of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Belgium for 240 Block I Javelin Missiles and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$88 million.

The Government of Belgium has requested a possible purchase of 240 Block I Javelin Missiles, 60 Command Launch Units (CLU) Missile Simulation Rounds (MSR), Battery Coolant Units (BCU), support equipment, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related logistics support. The estimated cost is \$88 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 NATO ally who continues to be an important force for the political stability and economic progress in Northern Europe.

The Belgium Army intends to use the Javelin system as part of its overall military modernization program. The Javelin system will replace the Belgian Army's existing MILAN missile system.

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

The principal contractors will be Joint Javelin Venture (JJV), a consortium of Raytheon, in Tucson, Arizona and Lockheed Martin, in Orlando, Florida. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require 6 U.S. Government or contractor representatives to travel to Belgium for a period of 2 weeks for equipment training.

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.