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Republic of Korea – CBU-105D/B Sensor Fuzed Weapons

WASHINGTON, June 4, 2012 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress June 1 of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of the Republic of Korea for 367 CBU-105D/B Wind Corrected Munition Dispenser (WCMD) Sensor Fuzed Weapons and associated parts, equipment, logistical support and training for an estimated cost of \$325 million.

The Government of Republic of Korea has requested a possible sale of (367) CBU-105D/B Wind Corrected Munition Dispenser (WCMD) Sensor Fuzed Weapons (SFW), (28) Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM), (7) Dummy Air Training Missiles (DATM), and (18) spare tails kits for maintenance float, communication equipment, electronic warfare systems, support equipment, spare engine containers, spare and repair parts, tools and test equipment, technical data and publications, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$325 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by meeting the legitimate security and defense needs of an ally and partner nation. The Republic of Korea continues to be an important force for peace, political stability, and economic progress in North East Asia.

The Republic of Korea intends to use these CBU-105D/B Sensor Fuzed Weapons to modernize its armed forces and enhance its capability to defeat a wide range of enemy defenses including fortifications, armored vehicles, and maritime threats. Additionally, the munition's precision and low failure rate will reduce incidents of fratricide and increase overall effectiveness. The proposed sale will allow the Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF) to expand interoperability with US and other regional coalition forces. The Republic of Korea will have no difficulty absorbing these munitions into its armed forces.

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

Employment of the CBU-105D/B Sensor Fuzed Weapon will not result in more than one percent unexploded ordnance across the range of intended operational environments. The agreement applicable to the transfer of the CBU-105D/B and the CBU-105D/B integration test assets will contain a statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea that the cluster munitions and cluster munitions technology will be used only against clearly defined military targets and will not be used where civilians are known to be present or in areas normally inhabited by civilians.

The prime contractor will be Textron Systems Corporation of Wilmington, MA. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require annual trips to the Republic of Korea involving up to two U.S. Government and three contractor representatives for technical reviews/support, and program management for a period of approximately 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 and does not mean the sale has been concluded.