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AUSTRALIA – JAVELIN Anti-Tank Systems

On 22 July 2002, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Australia of JAVELIN anti-tank missile systems as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$106 million.

In support of a proposed Australia open tender competition, the Government of Australia has requested a possible sale of up to 92 JAVELIN anti-tank missile systems (consisting of up to 92 JAVELIN command launch units, up to 666 JAVELIN missile rounds, and ten lot acceptance missiles), simulators, support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, personnel training and equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services, a Quality Assurance Team, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is up to \$106 million.

If down-selected by Australia, the proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of an ally which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Asia Pacific region.

If this system is down-selected, Australia will use these JAVELIN anti-tank missile systems to enhance their direct fire capability for infantry, cavalry and commando units against armored vehicles, buildings and field fortifications. This system will provide Australia with a strong man-portable direct fire capability and will increase interoperability with U.S. forces. Australia will have no difficulty absorbing these systems into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor, if selected, will be JAVELIN Joint Venture (Raytheon and Lockheed Martin) of Orlando, Florida. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of a U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team or two U.S. Government and one contractor representatives to Australia for one week to assist in the delivery and deployment of the missiles.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale if down-selected.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.