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Oman – F-16 Aircraft Munitions

On 10 April, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Oman of various munitions for F-16 Fighter Aircraft and associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$42 Million.

The Government of Oman has requested a possible sale of 50,000 20mm high explosive projectiles, 50,000 20mm training projectiles, 300 MK-82 500 lb general purpose bombs, 200 MK-83 1,000 lb general purpose bombs, 100 enhanced GBU-12 Paveway II 500 lb laser guided bomb kits, 50 GBU-31(v)3/B Joint Direct Attack Munitions, 50 CBU-97/105 sensor fuzed weapon, 20,000 RR-170 self-protection chaff, 20,000 MJU-7B self-protection flares, support equipment, software development/integration, modification kits, spares and repair parts, flight test instrumentation, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$42 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 which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

Oman requires a multi-role fighter aircraft and the appropriate munitions capable of performing all missions while maintaining readiness with an efficient maintenance and support infrastructure. The Royal Air Force of Oman must be capable of countering a large-scale maritime attack, to protect its coastline, desalinization plants, and oil fields. The proposed sale of the systems will enhance Oman's defensive capability against hostile attack and it will have no difficulty absorbing these weapons/munitions into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractors will be Raytheon Company of Goleta, California and The Boeing Company of St. Charles, Missouri. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will require five U.S. Government and three contractor representatives for one-week intervals, twice annually, to participate in program management and technical reviews. Contractor representatives specializing in various skills and disciplines will be required to provide in-country support for an short period of time. The specific requirements for this support will be established during program definition between representatives of the USG and Oman.

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.