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Malaysia – F/A-18F Aircraft

On 4 September, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Malaysia of F/A-18F aircraft as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$1,483 million.

The Government of Malaysia has requested a possible sale of 18 F/A-18F aircraft with 36 F414-GE-400 aircraft engines, 18 AN/APG-73 Radar Systems, 3 spare F414-GE-400 aircraft engines, 18 AN/ALR-67(V)3 Countermeasure Receiving Sets, 18 AN/ALE-47(B)2 Countermeasure Dispensing Sets, 12 AN/ALQ-214(V)2 Integrated Defensive Electronic Countermeasures, 72 LAU-127B/A Guided Missile Launchers, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, supply support, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, publications/technical data, personnel training and training equipment, system software development and other related elements of logistics to ensure complete program support. The estimated cost is \$1,483 million.

This 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 economic progress in Southeast Asia.

The proposed sale of F/A-18 aircraft will increase Malaysia's tactical aviation capabilities. An increase in capability will be accrued primarily due to the larger number of aircraft and the larger range and endurance of the F/A-18F. The commonality of this system with those in the U.S. Navy will yield lower costs for the U.S. in procurement of the F/A-18E/F and provide potential key support assets in South East Asia.

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

The principal contractors will be: The Boeing Company in St. Louis, Missouri; North Grumman in El Segundo, California; General Electric of Lynn, Massachusetts; and Raytheon Company of El Segundo, California. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

Implementation of this sale will require approximately 8 contractor representatives to provide technical and logistics support in Malaysia for two years. U.S. Government and contractor representatives will also participate in program management and technical reviews for one-week intervals twice semi-annually.

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.