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United Arab Emirates - Terminal High Altitude Air Defense System (THAAD)

WASHINGTON, September 9, 2008 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the United Arab Emirates of Terminal High Altitude Air Defense (THAAD) Fire Units as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$6.95 billion.

The Government of the United Arab Emirates has requested a possible sale of 3 Terminal High Altitude Air Defense (THAAD) Fire Units with 147 THAAD missiles, 4 THAAD Radar Sets (3 tactical and one maintenance float), 6 THAAD Fire and Control Communication stations, and 9 THAAD Launchers. Also included are fire unit maintenance equipment, prime movers (trucks), generators, electrical power units, trailers, communications equipment, tools, test and maintenance equipment, repair and return, system integration and checkout, spare/repair parts, publications, documentation, personnel training, training equipment, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related support elements. The estimated cost is \$6.95 billion.

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 that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale of the weapons will strengthen the effectiveness and interoperability of a potential coalition partner, reduce the dependence on U.S. forces in the region, and enhance any coalition operations the U.S. may undertake. The United Arab Emirates will have no difficulty absorbing this weapon system into its armed forces. The proposed sale of this weapon system will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor is Lockheed Martin Space Systems Corporation in Sunnyvale, CA and the sub-contractor is Raytheon Corporation in Andover, MA.

The purchaser requested offsets; however, at this time, agreements are undetermined and will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and contractor.

The United Arab Emirates does not desire a government support presence in its country on an extended basis. A total of 66 contractor logistic support personnel could be stationed in United Arab Emirates for extended periods. Additional training and major defense equipment personnel may be in the United Arab Emirates for short periods of time, not to exceed 24 months.

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.