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Korea – SINCGARS and PATRIOT Missile System Support Equipment

WASHINGTON, September 28, 2006 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Korea of SINCGARS and Patriot missile system support equipment as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$1.5 billion.

The Government of Korea has requested a possible sale of 58 AN/VRC-90E ITT Long-Range Radio System Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System (SINCGARS) Vehicular, two (2) 30 KW Electric Power Unit II, Patriot missile system support equipment including spare and repair parts, Information Coordination Centrals, maintenance equipment, transporters, calibration support, tools and test equipment, modification kits, system integration and check out, devices, documentation, personnel training and training equipment, technical support, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$1.5 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 moderation and progress in East Asia.

Korea needs this surface-to-air equipment to continue the upgrade of its air defense capabilities and it will have no difficulty absorbing this additional equipment into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Corporation at Andover, Massachusetts. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of up to 24 U.S. Government and contractor representatives for up to 2 years to participate in training, maintenance, program management and technical review in Korea.

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.