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Thailand – MH-60S Helicopters

Washington, April 7, 2006 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Thailand of 6 MH-60S helicopters as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$246 million.

The Government of Thailand has requested a possible sale of 6 MH-60S helicopters, 14 T700 engines, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, contractor engineering and technical support services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$246 million.

The Royal Thai Navy (RTN) requires the helicopters to fulfill utility lift requirements. Thailand's need to enhance its maritime defense and disaster relief capabilities was highlighted during the recent tsunami search and rescue operations. The proposed sale will improve Thailand's mobility capability and enhance its ability to work with the United States and coalition partners during contingencies. It will contribute to the U.S. foreign policy and national security by helping to improve the security of an ally that has been and continues to be an important force in the counter narco-terrorist mission.

Thailand, which already has UH-60 helicopters in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional aircraft.

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

The principal contractors will be:

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| Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation | Stratford, Connecticut |
| Lockheed Martin Federal Systems | Owego, New York |
| General Electric Corporation | Stratford, Connecticut |

There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

When the helicopters arrive, implementation will require up to 10 U.S. contractor representatives for periodic short-term visits not to exceed three months for each visit. One field service representative will be available for up to two years in Thailand.

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.