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<u>Jordan – Material Management Program for F100-PW-220E Engines</u>

WASHINGTON, December 8, 2009 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress December 7 of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to establish a Material Management Program for repair and return of 61 F100-PW-220E engine modules, as well as associated parts, equipment, training and logistical support for a complete package worth approximately \$75 million.

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has requested a possible sale to establish a Material Management Program for repair and return of 61 F100-PW-220E engine modules, support and test equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$75 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 Major Non-NATO ally which has been, and continues to be, an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale will improve Jordan's capability to meet current and future threats. Jordan will use the enhanced capability as a deterrent to regional threats and to strengthen its homeland defense. Jordan currently has forty-seven F-16s in its inventory and plans to field an additional fifteen in the next year. The requested F100-PW-220E engines are essential in the serviceability of its F-16 fleet.

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

The prime contractor will be Pratt & Whitney of East Hartford, Connecticut. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Jordan. However, this program will require up to 4 U.S. government and 4 contractor representatives to participate in bi-annual Program Management Reviews in Jordan and the U.S. for a period of approximately one week.

There will be no adverse impact on the U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law and does not mean the sale has been concluded.