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## **Iraq – Technical Support Services**

WASHINGTON, August 5, 2010 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress today of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of contractor logistics support for various helicopters for an estimated cost of \$152 million.

The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale of two years of contractor logistics support for Mi-17 Helicopters and two years of logistics support for U.S.-origin rotary wing aircraft not in DoD's inventory. The estimated cost is \$152 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 friendly country. This proposed sale directly supports the Iraq government and serves the interests of the Iraqi people and the U.S.

This proposed sale will advance Iraqi efforts to develop a strong national military and police force structure. The support and services will enable Iraq to equip new forces to assume the missions currently accomplished by U.S. and coalition forces and to sustain itself in its efforts to bring stability to Iraq.

The proposed sale of this service will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be ARINC in Annapolis, Maryland. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will require the assignment of multiple U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Iraq for a period of two years with an option to extend them for additional years.

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 and does not mean the sale has been concluded.