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<u>Iraq – Contractor Technical Support for the Mobile Communications Centers</u>

WASHINGTON, September 24, 2010 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress today of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of contractor logistics support for Mobile Communications Centers and associated parts and equipment for a complete package worth approximately \$57 million.

The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale of contractor technical support for the development and modification of Mobile Communications Centers that includes the design, supply and installation of all communication equipment. Also included are warranties, 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 \$57 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.

The proposed sale of the communication equipment will advance Iraq's efforts to develop a strong national policy authority and military. The communications equipment will provide Iraq with spares, training, and technical support for its existing communications network. This will enable the Government of Iraq 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 equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractors will be ITT Corporation, Defense Electronics Services in McLean, Virginia, and the Harris Corporation in White Plains, New York. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple U.S. contractor field service representatives to be stationed in country for a period of approximately three 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.