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Iraq – Contractor Technical Support for Iraqi Defense Network

WASHINGTON, September 24, 2010 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress today of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of contractor technical support of the Iraqi Defense Network and associated parts and equipment for a complete package worth approximately \$98 million.

The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale of contractor technical support for the development and maintenance of the Iraqi Defense Network. Also included are hardware and software, 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 \$98 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 of technical support, network upgrades, training, and equipment will advance Iraq's efforts to develop a strong and dedicated military. The support and materials offered will provide Iraq with continued operational capability of their defense 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 establish 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.