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## Iraq – M1A1 Abrams Tank Ammunition

WASHINGTON, November 30, 2010 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress November 29 of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of M1A1 Abrams Tank Ammunition for an estimated cost of \$36 million.

The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale of 14,010 TP-T M831A1 120mm Cartridges, 16,110 TPCSDS-T M865 120mm Cartridges, and 3,510 HEAT-MP-T M830A1 120mm Cartridges. The estimated cost is \$36 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 Iraqi government and serves the interests of the Iraqi people and the U.S.

The proposed sale of the ammunition and support will advance Iraq's efforts to develop an integrated ground defense capability, a strong national defense, and a dedicated military force. This will enable the Iraqi Government to sustain its efforts to establish stability.

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

The prime contractor will be General Dynamics-Ordnance Tactical Systems in St Petersburg, Florida. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of U.S. Government and contractor representatives to Iraq.

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.

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