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**Australia – HARPOON Shipboard Launcher
Command Launch Control Systems**

On 2 April 2001, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale (FMS) of 10 HARPOON Shipboard Launcher Command Launch Control Systems to the Government of Australia (GOA).

The potential sale includes spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, software support, provisioning, publications and technical documents, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$37 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 which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Asia Pacific region.

The GOA requires new HARPOON equipment because it is modernizing its Navy to improve its ability to perform coastal patrol force duties. Sale of this equipment will moderately improve the Australian Navy's current surface-to-surface warfare capabilities.

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

The prime contractor will be Boeing Company, McDonnell Aircraft and Missile Systems of St. Louis, Missouri. There are no 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 Australia.

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