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Saudi Arabia - Upgrade, Development, and Support for Royal Saudi Naval Forces Command, Control, and Communications System

On 14 June, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale of equipment and services to upgrade the Royal Saudi Naval Forces Command, Control and Communications System.

The Government of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible sale of U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics services in the development and implementation of a comprehensive 10 year program for the upgrade, development, operation and maintenance program, and system additions to the Royal Saudi Naval Forces (RSNF) Command, Control, and Communications (C³) System. The system additions will include, but are not limited to, installation of commercial data link and mobile communications equipment. The estimated cost is \$257 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 Middle East.

The RSNF need the equipment and services in order to modernize and enhance an aging C³ system that was provided during the period of 1974 through 2000. The program, which will provide commercially available equipment, material and services, will significantly enhance interoperability with U.S., NATO and other Saudi military forces operating in the region.

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

The principal contractors will be Science Applications International Corporation of San Diego, California; PE Systems of Alexandria, Virginia; and Booz, Allen, and Hamilton, Incorporated of McLean, Virginia. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of 18 contractor representatives for 10 years to Saudi Arabia.

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

