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Taiwan – Joint Tactical Information Distribution System

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States has requested a possible sale of 50 Joint Tactical Information Distribution Systems (JTIDS) terminals including hardware, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, software support, publications and technical documents, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$725 million.

This sale is consistent with United States law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

The proposed sale of the JTIDS terminals will form part of the advance tactical data link system will improve and integrate the recipient's information flow between tactical aircraft, surface ships and ground stations. The recipient can absorb this system as it replaces existing independent systems and provides for more efficient and costly management of defensive forces.

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

The prime integration contractor will be selected through a competitive procurement. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

It is estimated that during implementation of this sale a number of U.S. Government and contractor representatives will be assigned to the recipient or travel there intermittently during the program. As the program is defined through consultations between U.S. Government/contractor and recipient program representatives, specific numbers and types of qualified personnel for the many areas of this program will be identified.

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