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Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - Tube-Launched, Optically-Tracked Wire-Guided Missiles

WASHINGTON, Dec 5, 2013 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress today of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for tube-launched, optically-tracked wire-guided missiles and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$170 million.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has requested the possible sale of 750 BGM-71 2B Tube-launched, Optically-tracked Wire-guided (TOW) missiles, 7 Fly-to-Buy TOW2B missiles, 1,000 BGM-71 2A TOW missiles, 7 Fly-to-Buy TOW2A missiles, containers, spare and repair parts, support equipment, tools and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S Government and contractor engineering, logistics, and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$170 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 critical partner who has been, and continues to be, an important force for political stability in the Middle East.

The proposed sale will support the Royal Saudi Land Forces' (RSLF) defense and counter-terrorism missions, contribute to stability in the Kingdom and the region, and increase Saudi Arabia's overall deterrence capability. It will also enhance the RSLF's compatibility with U.S. forces and demonstrate the U.S.'s continued commitment to the RSLF's modernization efforts.

The proposed sale will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The principal contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems, Tucson, Arizona. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with the potential sale.

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

This notice of a potential sale is required by law and does not mean the sale has been concluded.