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**Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States -
Follow-On Support**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16, 2015 -The State Department has made a determination approving a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States of follow-on life cycle support to maintain the Multifunctional Information Distribution Systems Low Volume Terminals (MIDS/LVT-1) and Joint Tactical Information Distribution Systems (JTIDS) previously procured. The estimated value is \$120 million. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered the required certification notifying Congress of this possible sale today.

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States has requested a possible sale of:

Follow-on life cycle support to maintain the Multifunctional Information Distribution Systems Low Volume Terminals (MIDS/LVT-1) and Joint Tactical Information Distribution Systems (JTIDS) previously procured. The support will include spare and repair parts, support equipment, repair and return, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, software and hardware updates, maintenance of a continental United States lab, U.S. Government and contracting engineering, logistics, and technical support services, and other related elements of program and logistics support. The estimated value is \$120 million.

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

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and enhance its defensive capability.

The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

The proposed sale will enhance the recipient's operational readiness and maintenance of its existing systems. The support will improve and integrate the recipient's information flow and display of tactical aircraft, surface ships, and ground stations. The recipient will have no difficulty absorbing this support and equipment into its inventory.

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

The principal contractor will be selected through a competitive procurement conducted by the U.S. Government in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation. The purchaser normally requests industrial cooperation at forty percent, but at this time there are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple trips to the recipient involving U.S. Government and contractor representatives to participate in training, program management, and technical reviews.

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.

All questions regarding this proposed Foreign Military Sale should be directed to the State Department Bureau of Political Military Affairs, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, pm-cpa@state.gov.