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Kuwait - Technical Assistance for Construction of Facilities and Infrastructure

WASHINGTON, November 23, 2009 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress Nov. 20 of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Kuwait for the design and construction of facilities and infrastructure for Al Mubarak Air Base and the Kuwait Air Force Headquarters Complex for an estimated cost of \$700 million.

The Government of Kuwait has requested a possible sale for the design and construction of facilities and infrastructure for the Al Mubarak Air Base Upgrade and the Kuwait Air Force Headquarters Complex. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will provide engineering, planning, design, acquisition, contract administration, construction management, and other technical services for construction of facilities and infrastructure (repair, rehabilitation, and new construction) in support of the administrative, operational, storage, support facilities and utility infrastructure of the Kuwait Air Force. The scope of the program includes provision of technical assistance for facilities that include administrative, operations, passenger processing, air crew, billeting, community support, maintenance and air control, perimeter security, supply and storage, and utility infrastructure. The estimated cost is \$700 million.

This proposed sale would contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the U.S. by enhancing Kuwait's capacity to support USG efforts.

This proposed sale would enable Kuwait to support the operational effectiveness of its military, to establish security and stability throughout Kuwait, and to promote the stability and development of a friendly, democratic central government.

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

The USACE is the principal organization that will direct and manage this program. The USACE will provide services through both in-house personnel and contract services. Contracts will be procured in accordance with Federal Government contracting law and regulations. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

The estimated number of U.S. Government and contractor representatives to be assigned to Kuwait to implement the provisions of this proposed sale will be determined during program execution.

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.