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Kuwait - Facilities and Infrastructure Construction Support Services

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, 2009 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress Dec. 17 of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Kuwait of construction support services to provide administrative, operational, storage, support facilities and utility infrastructure for the 26th Al Soor Brigade facilities for a complete package worth approximately \$360 million.

The Government of Kuwait has requested a possible sale of construction support services to provide administrative, operational, storage, support facilities and utility infrastructure for the 26th Al Soor Brigade facilities. 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 for administration, operational equipment maintenance, logistical and base support, soldiers' living and recreational facilities, training, ranges, perimeter security, supply and storage, and utility infrastructure. The estimated cost is \$360 million.

This proposed sale would enhance the establishment of an all encompassing modern military facility that will serve both as a training base and a base of operations for a premier unit of the Kuwaiti Defense Force responsible for the security and stability of Kuwait. The facility scope of work is similar to other facilities built in the past by the US Army Corps of Engineers in other Middle Eastern countries, and the effort promotes the modernization and development of a Major Non-NATO ally. This proposed sale also would contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the U.S. by enhancing Kuwait's self defense capabilities and supporting the USG's efforts in coalition operations.

This proposed sale would enable Kuwait to support the operational effectiveness of its military to maintain security and stability throughout Kuwait. The proposed sale of this infrastructure and support 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. 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 as a result of program definitization.

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.