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Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - Blanket Order Training Program

WASHINGTON, September 15, 2010 -- The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress on September 13 of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for continuation of a blanket order training program as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$350 million.

The Government of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible sale for the continuation of a blanket order training program inside and outside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia that includes, but is not limited to, flight training, technical training, professional military education, specialized training, mobile training teams, and English Language training. Also provided are site surveys, trainers, simulators, program management, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. government and contractor technical and logistical support services, and other related program requirements necessary to sustain a long-term CONUS training program. The estimated cost is \$350 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 friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

Saudi Arabia intends to use the training to enhance its security posture and maintain its operational readiness. This will allow the Royal Saudi Air Force to develop and enhance standardization and operational capability, and interoperability with the USAF, Gulf Cooperation Council, and other coalition air forces. Saudi Arabia will have no difficulty absorbing these services into its armed forces.

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

There is no prime contractor involved in this program. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of any U.S. Government or contractor representatives to recipient.

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; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.