Iraq – Medical Supplies, Equipment, and Training

WASHINGTON, May 24, 2007 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Iraq of medical supplies, equipment, and training as well as associated support equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, will be less than $1.05 billion.

The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale of medical consumables, pharmaceuticals, medical, surgical, dental supplies, medical equipment, support equipment, program support, publications, documentation, personnel training, training equipment, contractor technical and logistics personnel services and other related program requirements. The cost of this proposed sale will be less than $1.05 billion.

This proposed sale would contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the U.S. by providing basic medical needs to Iraqi forces and, as necessary and appropriate, civilians who are casualties of ongoing conflict. The medical supplies will help minimize the casualties sustained during military operations.

The proposed use of this equipment is consistent with the statutory authorities in section 4 of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, and section 607 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

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

The principal contractors are unknown at this time. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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.