Norway - C-130J Aircraft

WASHINGTON, April 18, 2007 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Norway of C-130J aircraft as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as $520 million.

The Government of Norway has requested a possible sale of

- 4 Lockheed Martin C-130J-30 United States Air Force (USAF) baseline aircraft and equipment
- 16 Rolls Royce AE 2100D3 engines
- 2 Rolls Royce AE 2100D3 spare engines
- 4 AAR-47 Missile Warning Systems
- 1 spare AAR-47 Missile Warning System
- 4 AN/ALR-56M Advanced Radar Warning Receivers
- 1 spare AN/ALR-56M Advanced Radar Warning Receiver
- 4 AN/ALE-47 Counter-Measures Dispensing Systems
- 1 spare AN/ALE-47 Counter-Measures Dispensing System
- 2 spare AN/ARC-210 Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio Systems (SINCGARS)
- 2 spare AN/AAR-222 SINCGARS and Key Gen (KV-10) Systems
- 10 Advanced Adaptive Anti-jam Antenna Systems
- Also included spare and repair parts, configuration updates, non-Major Defense Equipment Communications Security equipment and radios, integration studies, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, technical services, personnel training and training equipment, foreign liaison office support, Field Service Representatives, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is $520 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Norway to fulfill its North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) obligations; furthering NATO rationalization, standardization, and interoperability; and enhancing the defense of the Western Alliance.

Norway has provided support to the Balkans, the Baltics, and the NATO mission in Afghanistan and Iraq. Norwegian efforts in peacekeeping and humanitarian operations have made a significant contribution to regional political and economic stability and have served U.S. national security interests. The sale of C-130Js to Norway will significantly increase its capability to provide intra-theater lift for its forces.

Norway intends to use the C-130J aircraft for intra-theater support for its troops involved in worldwide operations. Additionally, the aircraft will be used for humanitarian relief operations in various locations to include the Sudan, the Middle East, and Afghanistan. Purchase of new transport aircraft will provide
Norway with the ability to operate seamlessly with U.S., NATO and coalition forces engaged in all types of operations and missions.

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

The principal contractors will be: Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company in Fort Worth, Texas and Rolls-Royce Corporation in Indianapolis, Indiana. Offset agreements associated with this proposed sale are expected, but at this time the specific offset agreements are undetermined and will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and contractors.

The number of U.S. Government and contractor representatives required in-country to support the program will be determined in joint negotiations as the program proceeds through the development, production, and equipment installation phases.

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.

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