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Egypt – Follow-On Technical Support

WASHINGTON, July 2, 2010 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress July 1 of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Egypt for the continuation of technical services in support of four OLIVER HAZARD PERRY and two KNOX CLASS Frigates and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$210 million.

The Government of Egypt has requested a possible sale for the continuation of technical services in support of four (4) OLIVER HAZARD PERRY and two (2) KNOX CLASS Frigates that includes, but is not limited to, refurbishment and upgrading facilities, engineering change proposals, tools and test equipment, software upgrades, engine component improvement, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. government and contractor technical and logistical support services, and other related program requirements. The estimated cost is \$210 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.

Egypt intends to use the technical services provided to maintain the systems installed on the U.S. Navy (USN) supplied ships and USN supplied systems installed aboard Egyptian Navy platforms. The technology in these systems is maintenance intensive and requires a dedicated repair and replacement parts program to ensure the ships remain fully mission capable. This sale will provide the technical expertise, repair capability, and access to spare parts required to keep the systems operational. Egypt will have no difficulty absorbing this support into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be VSE Global in Alexandria, Virginia. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale. Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Egypt; however, U.S. government and contractor representatives will be required to travel to Egypt annually for a period of one to two weeks to participate in program and technical reviews.

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.