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Morocco - T-6B Texan Aircraft

WASHINGTON, December 18, 2007 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Morocco of T-6B Texan aircraft as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$200 million.

The Government of Morocco has requested a possible sale of 24 T-6B Texan aircraft, Global Positioning System (GPS) with CMA-4124 GNSSA card and Embedded GPS/Inertial Navigation System (INS) spares, ferry maintenance, tanker support, aircraft ferry services, site survey, unit level trainer, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$200 million.

This sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in North Africa.

The Royal Moroccan Air Force's (RMAF) fleet of T-37 aircraft was produced in the early 1960s. The T-37s high fuel and maintenance costs, and low mission capable rates led to the RMAF's decision to procure new trainer aircraft. The T-6B aircraft will reduce fuel requirements by 66%. The RMAF will use these new aircraft to modernize its air force and to improve operational capability in coalition operations and exercises, and contribute to a modern air defense network for the legitimate defense of Morocco. Morocco will have no difficulty absorbing these aircraft into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractors will be:

- Hawker Beechcraft Corporation, Wichita, Kansas
- Pratt & Whitney Corporation, Quebec, Canada and Bridgeport, West Virginia
- Martin Baker, Middlesex, United Kingdom
- Hartzel Propeller, Pique, Ohio
- Canadian Marconi, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
- L-3 Vertex, Madison, Mississippi

There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple trips to Morocco involving U.S. Government and contractor representatives for technical reviews/support, program management, and training over a period of 15 years.

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.