

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Norway - JAVELIN Anti-tank Missile Systems

The Government of Norway has requested a possible sale for 92 JAVELIN anti-tank missile systems (consisting of 92 JAVELIN command launch units and 556 JAVELIN missile rounds), simulators, trainers, support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, personnel training and equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services, a Quality Assurance Team, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$107 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 NATO obligations; furthering NATO rationalization, standardization, and interoperability; and enhancing the defense of the Western Alliance.

Norway will use these JAVELIN anti-tank missile systems to enhance their direct fire capability for infantry, cavalry and commando units against armored vehicles, buildings and field fortifications. This system will provide Norway with a strong man-portable, direct fire capability and will increase interoperability with U.S. forces. Norway will have no difficulty absorbing these systems into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be JAVELIN Joint Venture (Raytheon and Lockheed Martin) of Orlando, Florida. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of a U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team consisting of two U.S. Government and one contractor representatives to Norway for one week to assist in the delivery and deployment of the missiles.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.