

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Singapore – Pilot Training Program with Munitions, Services, and Support

The Government of Singapore has requested a possible sale for continuation of CONUS pilot proficiency training program for PEACE CARVIN II and munitions, services and support for F-16C/D aircraft which includes: 9 AIM-9 Sidewinder coolant bottles, 105,000 20mm cartridges, 57 AGM-65G Maverick missiles, 228 GBU-10 and 114 GBU-12J/B guided bomb units, aircraft modifications kits, maintenance, participation in joint training exercises, fuel and fueling services, supply support, flight training, spare/repair parts, support equipment, program management, publications, documentation, personnel training, training equipment, contractor technical and logistics personnel services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$148 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 economic progress in Southeast Asia.

Singapore needs these munitions, services and equipment to continue a long-term pilot proficiency training program at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. This program will enable Singapore to develop mission ready and experienced pilots through its CONUS training program to support Singapore's current and future F-16 aircraft inventory. The long-term pilot training program in CONUS continues a professional interaction and enhances operational interoperability with U.S. forces. These short-range precision munitions will provide Singapore with a credible defense capability while avoiding the collateral damage associated with conventional gravity munitions.

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

There is no prime contractor involved in this program. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Singapore.

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