

POLICY JUSTIFICATION**Egypt – 120mm Armor Piercing Fin Stabilized Discarding Sabot-Tracer Kinetic Energy Tungsten Advanced Cartridges**

The Government of Egypt has requested a possible sale of 10,040 non-standard rounds of commercial 120mm Armor Piercing Fin Stabilized Discarding Sabot-Tracer (APFSDS-T) Kinetic Energy Tungsten Advanced cartridges, fire control solution, and program management. The estimated cost is \$54 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.

This proposed sale would provide Egypt with additional combat ammunition to support its M1A1 Abrams Tank fleet. Egypt will have no difficulty absorbing these cartridges 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 General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems of St. Petersburg, Florida. There are no 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.

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