

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Jordan – F-16A Mid-Life Upgrade Kits

The Government of Jordan has requested a possible sale of 17 F-16A Mid-Life Upgrade kits, 12 F100 engine PW-220E modification kits, 17 Falcon UP and Falcon STAR F-16A/B structural upgrade kits, spares, program management, publications and technical documentation, support equipment/services, and U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related requirements to ensure full program supportability. The estimated cost is \$370 million.

Proposed sale will enhance the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a key regional partner who has proven to be a vital force for political stability and peace in the Middle East.

The modifications and upgrades in this proposed sale will permit Jordan's new F-16 squadron to operate safely, and provide a core of improved aircraft capable of defending Jordan for many years. Jordan can easily absorb and use these aircraft within its existing structure. Jordan currently flies and supports up to 16 similar F-16 aircraft.

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

The principal contractors will be Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company of Fort Worth, Texas and Pratt and Whitney Aviation of East Hartford, Connecticut. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment U.S. Government and contractor representatives. Details and the extent of this requirement will be negotiated with the customer.

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