

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Kingdom - TOMAHAWK BLOCK IV Land Attack Missiles

The Government of United Kingdom has requested a possible sale of 105 conventionally armed TOMAHAWK BLOCK IV Land Attack Missiles (TLAM-E), containers, engineering support, test equipment, operational flight test support, communications equipment, technical assistance, personnel training/equipment, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$143 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the military capabilities of the United Kingdom and enhancing weapon system standardization and interoperability of this important NATO ally.

The United Kingdom needs these missiles to replenish missiles expended in support of coalition operations. The proposed sale will enhance the United Kingdom's ability to engage in coalition warfare along with the U.S. Navy. The United Kingdom, which already has TOMAHAWK missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.

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

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems of Tucson, Arizona. 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 United Kingdom.

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