

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Austria - F-16C/D Block 50/52 Fighter Aircraft

The Government of Austria has requested a possible sale of 30 F-16C/D Block 50/52 fighter aircraft with engines, three Pratt and Whitney F100-PW-229 or General Electric F110-GE-129 spare engines, four AIM-120C Advance Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), nine AIM-120C AMRAAM Air Vehicle Instrumented missiles, 20 AIM-9M-8/9 SIDEWINDER missiles, and 15 AIM-9M-8/9 SIDEWINDER practice/training missiles. Associated simulators, support equipment, software development/integration, logistics support, training missiles, ammunition, spare and repair parts, flight test instrumentation, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related requirements to ensure full program supportability. The estimated cost is \$1,739 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 Europe.

The Austrian Air Force (AAF) currently operates SAAB JAS-35 Draken and SAAB-105 aircraft. These aging fighters are expensive to operate and maintain. This proposed sale will provide operational capabilities as the SAAB aircraft eventually are retired. It will also allow AAF to meet training requirements starting in early 2003. This proposed sale will not impact regional military balance of power.

The principal contractors will be Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company in Fort Worth, Texas; Pratt and Whitney in East Hartford, Connecticut; General Electric in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Raytheon Corporation in Lexington, Massachusetts. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

Implementation will require the assignment of approximately 12 each U.S. Government and contractor representatives for a period of up to four years to provide program support commencing with delivery of the aircraft to Austria.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Establishment of the Defense Business Practice Implementation Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of establishment.

SUMMARY: The Defense Business Practice Implementation Board (DSPIB) is being established in consonance with the public interest and in accordance with the provisions of Pub. L. 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act," title 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2. The DBPIB will make recommendations to the Secretary's Executive Council (SEC) on effective strategies to adopt best

business practices of interest to the Department of Defense.

The Panel will consist of approximately 20 members selected on the basis of their preeminence in the fields of management, production, logistics, personnel leadership, and the defense industrial base. Consultants with special expertise also may be designated to assist the Board on an ad hoc basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Louis Douglas, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller/Chief Financial Officer), on 703-602-0193.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the DOD Advisory Group on Electron Devices

AGENCY: Advisory Group on Electron Devices, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD Advisory Group on Electron Devices (AGED) announces a closed session meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held at 0900, Wednesday, January 9, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Palisades Institute for Research Services, Inc. 1745, Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Eliot Cohen, AGED Secretariat, 1745, Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Square