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The Boeing Company has been awarded a contract from the U.S. Army for the procurement of four CH-47D Chinook helicopters to be delivered to the Egyptian air force. The delivery to Egypt is under the auspices of the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) program.

Final deliveries of the Chinooks to Egypt are scheduled for the third quarter of 1999, following completion of aircraft maintenance and flight training for Egyptian personnel conducted by Boeing. The four CH-47Ds will be equipped with engine air particle separators and other systems to meet mission requirements in the desert environment. The Egyptian air force currently operates a fleet of 15 CH-47C Chinooks.

"We are delighted to renew and extend our longstanding relationship with Egypt," said Jim Morris, Boeing vice president and general manager - Rotorcraft. "The addition of CH-47Ds will expand the air force's capabilities and improve their Chinook fleet effectiveness. Boeing also is pleased to be on the Chinook Team with the U.S. Army and to establish a strong, mutually beneficial FMS partnership."

The Boeing Chinook is the world's most efficient, reliable and versatile large helicopter. Chinooks from several nations successfully completed important military and humanitarian missions in Operation Desert Storm, continuing a heritage of service extending from the Vietnam War. But the Chinook also is a life-saver in civil disasters, handling relief missions in floods, hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, avalanches and snow storms over three decades on six continents. Today, nearly 20 nations fly Chinooks in a variety of military and civil roles.

The CH-47D's tandem rotor configuration provides numerous operational advantages, enabling the aircraft to operate in climate and weather that routinely grounds conventional rotorcraft. The Chinook often lifts 26,000 lbs., a useful load greater than its 25,000-lb. empty weight.

The Boeing Company develops and produces military rotorcraft in services worldwide. Among its products are the CH-47 Chinook, the RAH-66 Comanche, the AH-64D Apache Longbow and the V-22 Osprey.

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