Boeing to Upgrade Egyptian Apaches to AH-64D Configuration

The U.S. Army has authorized The Boeing Company to begin procuring long-lead items for 35 Egyptian Army AH-64A Apaches that will be upgraded to the next-generation AH-64D Apache configuration. The foreign military sales contract with Egypt is expected to be finalized in the coming weeks. Deliveries are scheduled to begin in 2003.

Egypt initially announced its intention to upgrade its helicopters late last year. The total value of the program - including aircraft, ordnance, spares, training and support - is anticipated to be approximately $400 million.

Domestically, Boeing is nearing completion of the first multi-year contract to deliver 232 remanufactured AH-64D Apache Longbows to the U.S. Army through 2001. In September 2000, Boeing and the U.S. Army signed a second five-year, multi-year contract to remanufacture an additional 269 AH-64As into the Apache Longbow configuration through 2006. Defense forces from several international customers also are considering upgrading to the Apache Longbow.

In addition, Boeing is producing 30 AH-64D Apaches for the Royal Netherlands Air Force, and 67 WAH-64 Apaches as part of the Westland Helicopters Ltd. team that is building the aircraft for the United Kingdom. Two other international Apache defense forces also are under contract or finalizing contracts for next-generation Apaches.

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