Sultanate Of Oman Agrees To Purchase Raytheon-Lockheed Martin Javelin Anti-Tank Weapon System

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The armed forces of the Sultan of Oman have selected Javelin for Oman's medium-range anti-tank guided weapon requirement. In October, the Government of Oman signed a Letter of Agreement with the U.S. Government to procure approximately 100 Javelin missiles and a corresponding number of command launch units, along with training and support packages.

This selection marks the Raytheon-Lockheed Martin Javelin Joint Venture's tenth international sale of the advanced anti-tank weapon system.

"The Javelin Product Office of the Close Combat Project Office is extremely pleased that Oman has selected Javelin," said Col. Lloyd McDaniels, U.S. Army Close Combat Weapon Systems project manager.

"Javelin provides Oman with a highly effective means of deterrence for its soldiers," said Michael Crisp, president, Javelin Joint Venture. "Javelin gives the soldier an unprecedented capability to defeat any armored or platform, both today and in the future. Additionally, Javelin is highly effective against alternate targets."

"Oman's detailed evaluation process included assessments of whole life costs and worldwide supportability. Javelin's high reliability, worldwide support and very low operational and maintenance costs were key factors. The selection of Javelin by Oman represents a key strategic sale in the region," said Howard Weaver, Javelin Joint Venture vice president.

Raytheon Company provides system engineering management and support for the Javelin Joint Venture and produces the command launch unit, missile guidance electronic unit and system software. Work is performed primarily at Raytheon Missile Systems in Tucson, Ariz., and at other Raytheon facilities in Texas, Massachusetts and California.

Lockheed Martin provides missile engineering and production support for the Javelin Joint Venture in Orlando, Fla., produces the missile seeker in Ocala, Fla., and performs missile all-up-round assembly in Troy, Ala.

The combat-proven Javelin is in service with the U.S. Army and Marine Corps and has been used extensively on operations including Operation Iraqi Freedom. Along with the Omani selection of Javelin, other nations that have already selected Javelin include the United Kingdom, Ireland, Norway, Australia and New Zealand. Javelin is also on order for the armed forces of several other countries and is being evaluated for integration onto ground and naval platforms.

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