Indonesia Cleared for Possible Acquisition of MV-22s



An MV-22B Osprey conducts deck landing qualifications aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Bataan on June 28. The State Department has approved the sale of the MV-22 to Indonesia. U.S. MARINE CORPS / Cpl. Tanner Seims

ARLINGTON, Va. – The U.S. State Department has approved the possible sale of Bell-Boeing MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft to the Indonesian government, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency said in a release.

If concluded, Indonesia would be the third nation to procure the MV-22, the others being the United States and Japan.

Indonesia requested eight Block C Ospreys as well as engines, various avionics, and machine guns, including spares. Also included in the deal, estimated to cost $2 billion, is the Joint Mission Planning System, publications, repair for parts, aircraft ferry and tanker support, support and test equipment, and U.S. government and contractor engineering support.

“The proposed sale of aircraft and support will enhance Indonesia’s humanitarian and disaster relief capabilities and support amphibious operations,” the release said. “This sale will promote burden sharing and interoperability with U.S. Forces. Indonesia is not expected to have any difficulties absorbing these aircraft into its armed forces.”

The prime contractors for the Osprey are a joint venture of Bell Textron Inc. of Amarillo, Texas, and The Boeing Co. Of Ridley Park, Pennsylvania.