

# State Dept. Approves Possible Sale of SLAM-ER Cruise Missiles to Taiwan



A Boeing-built SLAM-ER missile. Shown here is the AGM-84K variant. Navair

WASHINGTON — The State Department has made a determination approving a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) of 135 AGM-84H Standoff Land Attack Missile Expanded Response (SLAM-ER) Missiles and related equipment for an estimated cost of \$1.008 billion, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency said in an Oct. 21 release.

In addition, TECRO has requested to buy four ATM-84H SLAM-ER Telemetry Missiles and 12 CATM-84H Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM). Also included are 151 containers, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor representatives' technical assistance, engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The total estimated program cost is \$1.008 billion.

This proposed sale will improve the recipient's capability to meet current and future threats as it provides all-weather, day and night, precision attack capabilities against both moving and stationary targets. The recipient will be able to employ a highly reliable and effective system to increase their warfighting effectiveness as needed, which can counter or deter aggressions by demonstrated precision against surface targets. This capability will easily integrate into existing force infrastructure as it will only improve defense against opposing threats. The recipient will have no difficulty

absorbing these systems into its armed forces.

The principal contractor will be the Boeing Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of two U.S. contractor representatives to the recipient for a duration of eight years to support technical reviews, support, and oversight.