State Dept. Approves Possible SM-2 Block IIC Missile Sale to Canada

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The Arleigh-Burke class guided-missile destroyer USS Stout (DDG 55) launched a Standard Missile (SM) 2 during a missile exercise (MSLEX) in 2019. U.S. Navy / Lt. Laura Radspinner WASHINGTON — The State Department has approved a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Canada of Standard Missile 2 (SM-2) Block IIIC missiles and related equipment for an estimated cost of \$500 million, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) said in a release.

The Government of Canada has requested to buy 100 Standard Missile 2 (SM-2) Block IIIC missiles and 100 Mk13 Vertical Launch System canisters modified to employ the SM-2 Block IIIC missile.

The proposed also would include "obsolescence engineering; integration and test activity associated with production of subject missiles; canister handling and loading/unloading equipment and associated spares; training and training equipment/aids; technical publications and data; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support; and other related elements of logistical and program support, the release said.

This proposed sale will provide Canada with SM-2 Block IIIC missiles for installation on its planned 15 Canadian Surface Combatant ships, ensuring its ability to operate alongside U.S. and Allied naval forces against the full spectrum of naval threats.

The principal U.S. contractor will be Raytheon Missiles and Defense, Tucson, Arizona.