State Dept. Approves Sale of SM-2 Missiles to Chile



An SM-2 telemetry surface to air missile is launched from the forward vertical launch system of the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Shiloh (CG 67) while conducting a live-fire exercise. U.S. Navy / Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Ryre Arciaga

WASHINGTON — The State Department has approved a possible Foreign Military Sale to the government of Chile of Standard Missile-2 (SM-2) Block IIIA missiles and related equipment for an estimated \$85 million, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency said in a Feb. 5 release.

The government of Chile has requested to buy up to 16 Standard Missile-2 (SM-2) Block IIIA missiles, rail launched, including two missiles with manufacturer installed telemeter; two Mk89 Mod 0 Guidance Sections; and one Target Detection Device Kit (including shroud), Mk45 Mod 14, the release said.

The potential sale also includes "Intermediate Level Maintenance Facility; spare parts and associated containers;

personnel training and training equipment; publications and technical data; U.S. government and contractor technical assistance and other related logistics support, including ordnance handling equipment, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

This proposed sale would support Chile's anti-air warfare capabilities for the two recently transferred former Adelaideclass frigates to the Chilean navy.

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