



Over the Horizon-IV cutter boats are currently deployed from National Security Cutters and Fast Response Cutters to provide quick response capabilities and deliver boarding teams to vessels of interest. U.S. Coast Guard photo.

Acquisition Update: Coast Guard Orders Six Over-The-Horizon Cutter Boats

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The U.S. Coast Guard ordered six Over the Horizon-IV (OTH-IV) cutter boats and associated parts and logistics information from SAFE Boats International LLC of Bremerton, Wash., March 21, 2014. The total cost of the order is \$2.64 million.

Four of the six cutter boats from this order will be delivered to Fast Response Cutters and the other two will be assigned to National Security Cutters. The boats will be delivered in fiscal year 2015.

The 26-foot CB-OTH-IV is capable of carrying out multiple Coast Guard missions in support of the larger cutter, including search and rescue and law enforcement operations. Powered by a marine diesel engine with a water jet propulsor, it is capable of speeds greater than 40 knots. The boats have fixed shock-absorbing seats for five persons, including boat crew and boarding team members, plus inboard seating for up to eight passengers. This order is part of a base contract for acquisition of up to 101 OTH-IV cutter boats for the Coast Guard (up to 71 boats), the U.S. Navy (up to 10 boats) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (up to 20 boats). With this order, the Coast Guard has ordered 25 OTH-IV cutter boats to date. The contract has a total cost ceiling of \$54.6 million.