



The first NSC, Coast Guard Cutter Bertholf, transits off the coast of southeast Alaska. U.S. Coast Guard photo.

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## **Acquisition Update: Production Contract Awarded for Seventh National Security Cutter**

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The U.S. Coast Guard today awarded a fixed-price incentive firm target contract valued at approximately \$497 million to Huntington Ingalls Industries for production of the seventh National Security Cutter (NSC). NSC 7, to be named the Coast Guard Cutter Kimball, will be built at Huntington Ingalls Industries' (HII) shipyard in Pascagoula, Miss. Production of NSC 7 will begin early next year.

A contract option for long lead time materials for NSC 7 was exercised June 14, 2013. Long lead time materials include main propulsion and navigation systems, generators, electrical switchboards, major castings, and other items needed in advance of a production award.

Three NSCs, the Coast Guard Cutter Bertholf, Coast Guard Cutter Waesche and Coast Guard Cutter Stratton, are fully operational and executing Coast Guard missions in the field. All three are homeported in Alameda, Calif. Stratton, commissioned in 2012, embarked on its first operational deployment earlier this year.

Three NSCs are currently in production at Ingalls Shipyards. The fourth NSC, Hamilton, is scheduled for delivery later this year and will mark the first of two NSCs planned to be homeported in Charleston, S.C. The fifth NSC, James, is scheduled for delivery in 2015. The sixth NSC, Munro, is scheduled for delivery in 2016. The Coast Guard plans to acquire eight NSCs.

The NSC is the most technologically sophisticated cutter in the Coast Guard fleet, capable of performing critical homeland security, law enforcement and national defense missions in the most demanding open ocean environments. The cutter is 418 feet long,

has a top speed of 28 knots, a range of 12,000 miles and endurance to perform 60- to 90-day patrols.