



USCGC Waesche, the second NSC delivered to the Coast Guard, arrives in Pearl Harbor, June 25, 2014, to participate in the 24th Rim of The Pacific exercise (RIMPAC), the largest multi-national maritime exercise in the world, which is held biennially off the coast of Hawaii. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Lt. Cmdr. Steven Youde.

Acquisition Update: Option Exercised for Long Lead Time Materials for Construction of Eighth National Security Cutter

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The U.S. Coast Guard today exercised a fixed price option to the service's existing contract with Huntington Ingalls Industries, Inc. to procure Long Lead Time Materials (LLTM) for the construction of the eighth National Security Cutter (NSC). The total value of today's contract action is \$76.5 million. Today's action represents the initial order of components and materials necessary to support and properly sequence construction of the new cutter, including steel plating, propulsion systems, marine turbine/diesel engines, air search radar, ship integrated control system, switchboards and generators.

This is the first phase of a planned two-phase award for LLTM for NSC 8. Today's contract action also includes a fixed price option for a second phase of LLTM that may be acquired later this year.

Three of eight planned NSCs, USCGC Bertholf, USCGC Waesche, and USCGC Stratton, have been delivered to the Coast Guard and are providing enhanced operational capabilities in the field. The fourth NSC, USCGC Hamilton, is on schedule to be delivered to the Coast Guard in August and will be commissioned at its new homeport, Charleston, S.C., later this year. A christening ceremony will be held for NSC 5, to be

named USCGC James, in August in Pascagoula, Miss. Production of NSC 6 is underway, and a production contract was awarded for NSC 7 in March.