

Acquisition Update: GAO Affirms Offshore Patrol Cutter Contract Award

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The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) on June 2, 2014, issued a bid protest decision that upheld the U.S. Coast Guard's award of three firm fixed-price contracts for preliminary and contract design (P&CD) for the Offshore Patrol Cutter (OPC) acquisition project. Contracts were awarded to Bollinger Shipyards Lockport LLC (Lockport, La.), Eastern Shipbuilding Group Inc. (Panama City, Fla.), and General Dynamics, Bath Iron Works (Bath, Maine).

Two protests were filed with the GAO following the P&CD awards in February. All P&CD contract work was stopped, as required by GAO's automatic stay, during GAO's review of the protests. The Coast Guard ordered the three contractors to commence P&CD contract work June 3.

The GAO has published a [redacted version of the decision](#).