

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Acquisition Directorate's mission is to acquire and deliver more capable, interoperable assets and systems as well as high-quality, timely services that support Coast Guard forces in executing missions effectively and efficiently. The directorate is the systems integrator for all acquisition programs and is committed to delivering state-of-the-market platforms and systems that are affordable and meet mission requirements.

The Coast Guard's cutters, aircraft, and command and control systems are on the front lines of a multilayered, multimission strategy. These new and upgraded assets feature interoperability with the departments of Homeland Security and Defense; improve law enforcement response and coordination with federal, state and local authorities; and are better equipped to guard critical maritime infrastructure and resources. These next-generation assets and systems will shape and define the Coast Guard mission capabilities for decades to come.

For updates related to **Recapitalization**, visit the program's website at www.dcms.uscg.mil/acquisition



The Coast Guard is investing more than \$1 billion annually in major and nonmajor acquisition projects to recapitalize its ships, boats, aircraft, and command and control systems. Recapitalizing legacy assets and systems is one of the Coast Guard's top priorities.

The Coast Guard's ability to secure our nation's maritime domain; save lives; interdict drug and migrant smugglers; and protect ports, waterways and natural resources depends on providing its people with modern and reliable tools for mission execution. This includes cutters and boats; aircraft; command, control, communications, computers, cyber, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C5ISR) systems; and supporting shore infrastructure. The service's readiness has been challenged by reliance on outdated, rapidly aging assets, and the cost to sustain these assets continues to rise while reliability declines.

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- Accepted ninth national security cutter.
- Accepted fast response cutters (FRCs) 47-51 and commissioned FRCs 47-50.
- Awarded a stage 2 contract for production of up to 11 offshore patrol cutters (OPCs) (OPCs 5-15).
- Commenced delivery orders for up to 200 over the horizon V boats over the next 10 years.
- Placed back into service the first five 47-foot motor lifeboats that entered the service life extension program last year.

Aviation

- Awarded a contract through the Air Force for production of the Coast Guard's 19th C-130].
- Accepted the 15th Minotaur-missionized HC-130J aircraft and the 16th baseline C-130J.
- Initiated Minotaur mission system integration on four C-27Js.
- Completed Minotaur mission system integration on the 14th HC-144, with a 15th expected to be complete by the end of 2023.
- Achieved full unmanned aircraft system capability on Coast Guard Cutters Stratton, James, Munro, Kimball, Waesche, Bertholf, Hamilton, Midgett and Stone.
- Completed service life extension work and avionics upgrades on 59 of 98 MH-65 aircraft, converting them to the Echo configuration.

C5ISR

- Moved to the Financial Systems Modernization Solution in December 2021.
- Kicked off Segment B of the Electronic Health Record Acquisition Program.
- Earned a three-year Authority to Operate approval for Sea Commander, a command and control system on the national security cutter.