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

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The Coast Guard today placed an order for six Cutter Boat-Over the Horizon-IVs (CB-OTH-IV) and associated parts and logistics information from SAFE Boats International LLC of Bremerton, Wash. The cost of the order is \$3.03M.

In July 2012, the U.S. Coast Guard selected SAFE Boats International LLC of Port Orchard, Wash., to provide future Over-The-Horizon IV (OTH-IV) cutter boats. The selection was made after conducting a “boat off” with three different builders. The “boat off” included testing conducted at the U.S. Navy’s Combatant Craft Division in Norfolk, Va., and with the Coast Guard Cutter Bertholf in San Diego, Calif.

Under the current contract, up to 101 OTH-IV cutter boats may be ordered over a seven year period. The Coast Guard may order up to 71 boats to be deployed aboard the service’s major cutters, including the National Security Cutter. The contract also includes up to 10 boats for the U.S. Navy and up to 20 boats for Customs and Border Protection. The contract has a cost ceiling of \$53.3 million.