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

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The Coast Guard today placed an order for sixteen 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 \$6.55 million.

Having successfully completed operational test and evaluations, as well as interface testing with the Sentinel-class Fast Response Cutter and in-service medium endurance cutter fleets, the Coast Guard will begin expanding the use of the CB-OTH-IV to major cutter classes beyond the National Security Cutter. Fourteen of the sixteen cutter boats from this order will be assigned to the FRC fleet (two to be used as spares). Two of the cutter boats will be assigned to the NSC fleet.

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, and the contract 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 \$58.9 million.