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Acquisition Update: Long-Range Interceptor Boat Delivered To Waesche

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NSCs Bertholf and Stratton have already received the new boats and incorporated them in their operations. According to Cmdr. Patrick Dugan, deputy project manager for boat acquisitions, "The twin waterjet drives, partially enclosed cabin and large seating area make LRI-IIs great multi-mission platforms for the national security cutter and a good complement to the Over the Horizon cutter boats on the NSC."

The LRI-II can carry 15 passengers, including crew, and travel at a maximum speed of more than 40 knots with a range of 250 nautical miles. At 35 feet long, the LRI-II is larger than most boats used by Coast Guard cutters, which increases its stability in rough waters and allows crews to bring supplies such as search and rescue or firefighting equipment aboard. The LRI-II also features shock-mitigating seats, some of which fold to facilitate crew movement and allow temporary extra storage. The boat's hull is designed to meet the NSC's stern launch specifications.

The Coast Guard has ordered six LRI-IIs and can order a maximum of 10 LRI-IIs according to its contract with MetalCraft Marine U.S. The fourth NSC, Hamilton, will receive the next LRI-II, with delivery scheduled for early 2015.