



Coast Guard Cutter Charles David Jr., the service's seventh fast response cutter, transits the waters off the coast of Key West, Florida, Feb. 10, 2016. The cutter entered service Nov. 16, 2013, and was the first FRC stationed in Key West. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Melissa Leake.

Acquisition Update: Coast Guard Awards Phase 2 FRC Contract

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The Coast Guard today awarded a contract to Bollinger Shipyards LLC of Lockport, Louisiana, for the procurement of up to 26 Sentinel-class fast response cutters. The initial value of the award is \$318.6 million, which covers the production of six cutters.

The contract has a potential value of \$1.42 billion if options to procure all 26 cutters are exercised. At that point, the Coast Guard will have ordered all 58 FRCs in the program of record.

The Coast Guard is acquiring FRCs to upgrade its near-offshore patrol capabilities necessary for missions such as drug and migrant interdiction; ports, waterways and coastal security; fishery patrols; search and rescue; and national defense. The FRCs are 154 feet long, can travel at speeds of at least 28 knots, and have a range of 2,950 nautical miles. Each ship features improved seakeeping and habitability; new command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance equipment; and stern cutter boat launch to more easily reach vessels of interest.

To date, 16 FRCs are in service: six in Miami; six in Key West, Florida; and four in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The 17th FRC was delivered to the Coast Guard in March and is scheduled for commissioning later this month.