



Coast Guard Cutter Polar Star, a heavy icebreaker based in Seattle, conducts Operation Deep Freeze 2015 in the Ross Sea near Antarctica, Jan. 9, 2015. The Coast Guard plans to begin production activities on a new polar icebreaker in 2020. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 1st Class George Degener.

Acquisition Update: Coast Guard Releases RFI For Polar Icebreaker Acquisition Program Schedule And Industry Studies

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The Coast Guard released a request for information (RFI) for the polar icebreaker acquisition program today. The request seeks feedback on the program's notional acquisition approach and schedule, and includes a draft statement of work for industry studies on heavy polar icebreaker technology risks, sustainability, producibility and affordability. The RFI can be found [here](#).

The Coast Guard requests that respondents submit a plan of action and milestones for meeting the acquisition program schedule and identify risks and potential opportunities to accelerate the heavy polar icebreaker acquisition.

The RFI also includes a draft statement of work for future industry studies that will inform efforts to promote affordability and minimize risk.

The deadline to submit responses is Nov. 10, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern time.

Following the completion of the industry studies, the Coast Guard plans to release a request for proposals for detail design and construction of a heavy polar icebreaker in fiscal year 2018. The service plans to begin production activities in 2020.