



Coast Guard Cutter Stratton, the third national security cutter, steams in formation as one of 40 ships and submarines representing 13 international partner nations July 28, 2016, during the Rim of the Pacific international maritime exercise. The NSCs have the technological advancement to serve as command and control centers for complex defense, national security and law enforcement operations. U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Ace Rheaume.

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### **Acquisition Update: Coast Guard Awards Contract For Long Lead Time Materials To Construct Ninth NSC**

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The Coast Guard today awarded a contract to Huntington Ingalls Industries Inc. of Pascagoula, Mississippi, to procure long lead time materials for the construction of the ninth national security cutter. The total value of the contract is approximately \$88.2 million.

Today's action represents the initial order of components and materials necessary to support and sequence construction of the new cutter, including steel plating, propulsion systems, marine turbine/diesel engines, air search radar, ship integrated control system, switchboards and generators.

The NSCs are the Coast Guard's most technologically advanced cutters. They are built to act as command and control centers for complex national security, defense and law enforcement missions and have interdicted hundreds of millions of dollars worth of contraband. Coast Guard Cutter Bertholf – the first NSC to enter service – seized more than 20 tons of cocaine in 2015.

Five of the nine planned NSCs have been delivered to the Coast Guard: Coast Guard cutters Bertholf, Waesche and Stratton in Alameda, California, and Coast Guard cutters Hamilton and James to Charleston, South Carolina. The sixth NSC, Munro, is scheduled

for delivery in December and commissioning in spring 2017. The launch of the seventh, Kimball, and the keel authentication for the eighth, Midgett, are scheduled to occur later this year.