



The notional OPC design includes two five-blade, controllable-pitch propellers and a hangar capable of accommodating one MH-60 or MH-65 helicopter plus one unmanned aerial system. Graphic courtesy of Eastern Shipbuilding Group.

Acquisition Update: Coast Guard Moves Forward To Next Phase Of OPC Acquisition

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The Coast Guard moved forward with the offshore patrol cutter acquisition today by issuing a notice to proceed to the detail design and construction phase (Phase II). The notice authorizes the contractor, Eastern Shipbuilding Group Inc. of Panama City, Florida, to begin detail design work.

The full Phase II award includes options for production of the lead OPC and up to eight follow-on cutters. The Coast Guard plans to acquire 25 OPCs.

The OPC project resident office, established earlier this year at the service's headquarters in Washington, D.C., will move to facilities located at the contractor's shipyard following their completion this winter. The OPC PRO is staffed with Coast Guard personnel who will oversee construction and provide management of contract execution for the OPC acquisition.

The OPCs will replace the 270-foot and 210-foot medium endurance fleet, which have been in service for 30 to 50 years. The ships will bridge the capabilities between the

national security cutter, which patrols the open ocean, and the fast response cutter, which serves closer to shore.

To view the notional OPC design and characteristics, click [here](#).

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