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Discovery Channel To Feature General Dynamics Bath Iron Works Employees Building U.S. Navy Destroyers

BATH, Maine – The *Bath-built is Best-built* tradition is well known in the shipbuilding industry. Now more people will learn how General Dynamics Bath Iron Works' employees craft the most technologically advanced U.S. Navy Destroyers from steel, and how they work in partnership with their customer bringing them to life as fighting ships. A documentary in production for Discovery Channel combines the best shipbuilders with the most advanced surface combatant, and an Emmy award-winning producer.

In 1995, Carl Kriegeskotte received the national Emmy award for individual achievement as producer of the Discovery Channel special, *Carrier: Fortress at Sea*. He has now set his sights on *Building Destroyers for the U.S. Navy at Bath Iron Works*. The special is scheduled for completion in June of 2004 with airing sometime later that summer.

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Behind the camera, Carl watched as Bath Iron Works' employees celebrated the keel laying in May for BAINBRIDGE (DDG 96), a ship named to honor the U.S. Navy's Destroyer Centennial. He later filmed the transfer, undocking and christening of MOMSEN (DDG 92) this summer, and was on board for the four-day BRAVO trials held in June for CHAFEE (DDG 90), the first ship built at BIW's Land Level Transfer Facility. He also plans to attend CHAFEE's commissioning ceremony in October in Newport, Rhode Island.

Bath Iron Works employees designed and built the first ship in the DDG 51 Class and celebrated when the shipyard launched the destroyer named for Admiral Arleigh Burke on September 16, 1989. Currently, 21 of 39 DDGs in the fleet are Bath-built ships.

General Dynamics, headquartered in Falls Church, Virginia, employs approximately 64,600 people worldwide and estimates 2003 revenues of \$15.5 billion. The company has leading market positions in mission-critical information systems and technologies, land and amphibious combat systems, shipbuilding and marine systems, and business aviation. More information about the company can be found on the World Wide Web at www.generaldynamics.com.

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