

Navy Awards General Dynamics Bath Iron Works \$643 Million Construction Contract for DDG 51 Class Destroyer

BATH, Maine – The U.S. Navy has awarded General Dynamics Bath Iron Works a contract valued at \$642.5 million to construct an additional Arleigh Burke-class destroyer. The award brings the total number of ships to be constructed by Bath Iron Works under a multi-year procurement to five, and the total value of the contract to approximately \$3.4 billion. General Dynamics Bath Iron Works is a business unit of General Dynamics (NYSE: GD).

There are currently two DDG 51 destroyers in production at Bath Iron Works, *Rafael Peralta* (DDG 115) and *Thomas Hudner* (DDG 116). The shipyard began fabrication on DDG 115 in November 2011, and delivery to the Navy is scheduled for 2016. Fabrication on DDG 116 began in November 2012, and that ship is scheduled to be delivered to the Navy in 2017.

Bath Iron Works is also building the three ships in the planned three-vessel *Zumwalt*-class of destroyers, *Zumwalt* (DDG 1000), *Michael Monsoor* (DDG 1001) and *Lyndon Johnson* (DDG 1002). All three ships are progressing in construction with the christening of *Zumwalt* (DDG 1000) scheduled for April 12, 2014, in Bath, Maine.

The Arleigh Burke-class destroyer is a multi-mission combatant that offers defense against a wide range of threats, including ballistic missiles. It operates in support of carrier battle groups, surface action groups, amphibious groups and replenishment groups, providing a complete array of anti-submarine (ASW), anti-air (AAW) and anti-surface (SuW) capabilities. Designed for survivability, the ships incorporate all-steel construction and have gas turbine propulsion. The combination of the ships' AEGIS combat system, the Vertical Launching System, an advanced ASW system, two embarked SH-60 helicopters, advanced anti-aircraft missiles and Tomahawk anti-ship and land-attack missiles make the Arleigh Burke class the most powerful surface combatant ever put to sea.

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General Dynamics Bath Iron Works Awarded \$21 Million Contract for Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Cutter Program

BATH, Maine – The U.S. Coast Guard has awarded General Dynamics Bath Iron Works a \$21.4 million contract for the Offshore Patrol Cutter (OPC) program. Bath Iron Works is one of three shipyards chosen from a field of eight competitors to proceed to Phase I design work on this next-generation cutter program.

The Bath Iron Works team includes L-3 Communications (New York, N.Y.) and Navantia, S.A. (Spain), a shipbuilder that Bath Iron Works has collaborated with for more than 30 years.

Bath Iron Works president Fred Harris said the Coast Guard design contract was an important development as the shipyard seeks to expand its customer base and maintain its design and manufacturing workload.

“Our experienced engineering and design team will now focus on developing a preliminary OPC design that meets or exceeds our customer’s requirements,” said Harris. “We will also continue our yard-wide actions to ensure we can build these ships affordably, safely and on – or ahead of – schedule.”

At the end of the 18-month Phase I period, the Coast Guard will select one team to develop Phase II detail design and build the first nine to 11 ships of a planned 25-ship class.

The OPC is a next-generation ship which will replace the Coast Guard’s aging fleet of Medium Endurance Cutters, complementing the current and future fleet and extending the service’s operational capabilities. The OPC will feature increased range and endurance, more powerful weapons, a larger flight deck and improved command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance equipment.

For more information on the OPC program, visit <http://www.uscg.mil/acquisition/opc/>.

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[General Dynamics Bath Iron Works](#) is a business unit of General Dynamics (NYSE: GD). Headquartered in Bath, Maine, the shipyard employs approximately 5,250 people. Bath Iron Works designs and builds destroyers for the U.S. Navy, and is currently building two classes, the Arleigh Burke class (DDG 51) and the Zumwalt class (DDG 1000). More information about General Dynamics Bath Iron Works can be found at www.gdbiw.com.

About Navantia, S.A.

[Navantia, S.A.](#) has a long history of designing and building ships for the Spanish Navy. The Bath Iron Works OPC design is a variant of Navantia's BAM (Buque de Acción Marítima) offshore patrol vessels built for the Spanish Navy. The BAM is an established, in-service ship purpose built for OPC-like missions in the Spanish Navy. Navantia employs about 5,500 people.

About L-3 Communications

[L-3 Communications](#) has been supplying maritime communications solutions for more than 40 years. L-3's C4ISR solutions provide shipbuilder efficiency, crew reduction and streamlined training and logistics due to the commonality of their systems across Coast Guard and U.S. Navy platforms. New York, NY-based L-3 Communications employs about 48,000.

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Navy Awards General Dynamics Bath Iron Works \$100 Million Contract for LCS Planning Yard Services

BATH, Maine – The U.S. Navy awarded General Dynamics Bath Iron Works a \$100 million contract to provide planning yard services for the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) program. General Dynamics Bath Iron Works is a business unit of General Dynamics (NYSE: GD).

Bath Iron Works, as the LCS Planning Yard, will provide maintenance and modernization support for all Navy LCS 1 and LCS 2 variant ships. Work to be performed under this contract includes availability advanced planning, ship alteration design and logistics support, material support, ship planned maintenance, class services, onboard maintenance, and planning of all maintenance availabilities in the U.S. and abroad.

Bath Iron Works is also the planning yard for the DDG 51 and FFG 7 ship classes.

“We are pleased for the opportunity to apply our planning yard experience in support of the Navy’s LCS program,” said Bath Iron Works President Fred Harris. “We have been working hard to make every aspect of our business more affordable, enabling us to successfully compete for contracts like this. This award is a result of that work and we look forward to working with our industry partners to meet the needs of our U.S. Navy customer.”

Bath Iron Works is the prime contractor under this contract, with partners General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems, Austal USA, CDI Corporation, and Marinette Marine Corp., a Fincantieri company.

LCS is a fast, agile, focused-mission platform designed for operation in near-shore environments yet capable of open-ocean operation. It is designed to defeat asymmetric "anti-access" threats such as mines, quiet diesel submarines and fast surface ships. The LCS seaframes are outfitted with reconfigurable

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payloads, called mission modules (which are made up of mission systems and support equipment), and can be changed out.

There are two variants of the LCS class, *Freedom* and *Independence*. This Planning Yard Services contract covers both variants. Bath Iron Works had previously been providing similar Interim Support Program services for the *Independence* variant. The Navy currently has four littoral combat ships in service and another twelve ships under contract for construction.

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General Dynamics Bath Iron Works Lays Keel of DDG 115, Starts Fabrication on DDG 118

BATH, Maine – This week, General Dynamics Bath Iron Works celebrated two milestone events for the Arleigh Burke-class program. On October 30, Bath Iron Works held a keel laying ceremony for the *Rafael Peralta* (DDG 115), the company's 35th Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer.

The ship is named for Sgt. Rafael Peralta, U.S. Marine Corps, who was deployed to Iraq in Operation Iraqi Freedom and was killed November 15, 2004, during the Second Battle of Fallujah in house-to-house urban combat at the age of 25.

Sgt. Peralta's mother, Rosa Peralta, and his sisters, Icela Peralta Donald and Karen Peralta, authenticated the keel at Bath Iron Works on October 30. Rosa Peralta is the ship's sponsor.

A special steel plate containing the initials of Rosa Peralta, Icela Peralta Donald, Karen Peralta and their brother, Ricardo Peralta, was prepared for the ceremony. Rosa Peralta and her daughters authenticated the laying of the keel by striking welding arcs onto the steel plate, assisted by Bob Morey, a 36-year Bath Iron Works welder.

The keel unit is the 3,000-ton, heavily outfitted mid-section of the ship which contains its main machinery spaces, and is the "heart" of the ship. The unit is roughly a third of the entire ship, and was moved from the shipyard's Ultra Hall construction facility earlier in the month onto the building ways.

"Thank you all for being here today," said Karen Peralta. "As I see the pieces of the ship coming together, I see my brother coming alive, spiritually."

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Ed Kenyon, DDG 51 program manager for Bath Iron Works, hosted the ceremony and welcomed the audience of several hundred employees, Navy personnel and representatives from other major subcontractors in the program.

“While this keel-laying marks an important step in our construction process, we are focused today in welcoming the Peraltas as the newest members of our Bath Iron Works family. Mrs. Peralta, Karen and Icela, we are honored to have you here, and stand in deep appreciation of your son and brother’s ultimate service to our nation,” Kenyon said. “Over the coming months, we will continue to build the *Rafael Peralta* with knowledge and expertise honed over the decades. She will be a true and steady vessel and will reflect the spirit of her namesake.”

Bath Iron Works also planned to celebrate the start of fabrication of *Daniel Inouye* (DDG 118) on Oct. 31 in a short ceremony at the company’s Hardings facility in West Bath. DDG 118 is also an Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer. This ship is named after the late Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in Tuscany, Italy, during World War II. When Hawaii became the 50th state in 1959, he was one of its first representatives in the U.S. Congress, and was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1962.

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General Dynamics Bath Iron Works Unveils Trades Learning Center to Support Increased Hiring

BATH, Maine – General Dynamics Bath Iron Works officially opened its new Trades Learning Center today during a visit by Maine Governor Paul R. LePage.

The Center will provide training space and equipment for newly hired pipefitters, welders, tinsmiths, electricians and other tradesmen and women as they undergo multi-week curricula to ground them in shipyard safety, specialized skills for their trades, naval shipbuilding terminology and more.

The facility is important to the continued stability and growth of skilled manufacturing jobs, as the shipyard plans to hire several hundred skilled workers this year to build Arleigh Burke and Zumwalt class destroyers for the Navy. Bath Iron Works is currently building three Zumwalt class destroyers and two Arleigh Burkes, and expects to have a third Arleigh Burke under construction this summer.

Bath Iron Works President Fred Harris said the Trades Learning Center was made possible through a focused investment by the company coupled with support from the Maine Quality Centers to aid with training. The new training facility will ensure Bath Iron Works employees are ready to perform their jobs in the new manufacturing facilities that are being constructed with support from the state of Maine through the establishment of a Pine Tree Zone and a Tax Increment Financing District created by the city of Bath.

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“Competition between states for manufacturing jobs has never been greater, and having skilled people to fill those jobs is critical,” said Harris. “Through this new facility, we are helping to build the skills our new employees will need to work safely and productively.”

Harris led Governor LePage, first lady Ann LePage, Labor Commissioner Jeanne Paquette Bath City Council Chairwoman Mari Eosco, Bath City Manager Bill Giroux, Southern Maine Community College President Ron Cantor and Maine Community College System Center for Career Development Executive Director Jim McGowan and other guests on a tour of the new facility.

“Global competition for manufacturing is fierce, but Bath Iron Works constantly leads the shipbuilding industry through innovation, cost-effectiveness, precision work and the latest modern technology,” said Governor LePage. “The Trades Learning Center is BIW’s latest initiative to retain the highly skilled professionals who are crucial to the shipyard’s ability to compete worldwide. I commend BIW for its dedication to creating and preserving first-rate jobs for Mainers and for continuing our state’s long and proud maritime tradition.”

“The Maine Community College System is pleased to be working with BIW to develop and deliver training programs for occupations such as marine electricians,” McGowan said. “These efforts keep both Maine workers and businesses competitive in today’s rapidly changing global economy.”

“This is a great opportunity for young people in this region. This training facility will prepare hundreds of people to be the next generation of shipbuilders,” said Giroux.

Bath Iron Works is the state’s largest manufacturer and one of Maine’s largest private employers with a 2012 payroll of about \$350 million. Its employees come from every county in Maine except for Piscataquis. Bath Iron Works conducted \$67 million in business with 355 Maine companies in 12 counties in 2012, and \$49 million of that was with 308 small businesses.

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Media Note: Pictures from today's event and advanced B-roll video footage from the new Trades Learning Center are available upon request.

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