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Fincantieri Marine Group Awarded Navy LCU and T-ATS(X) Design Studies and Analyses Contracts

Washington DC: The U.S. Naval Sea Systems Command has awarded Fincantieri Marine Group (FMG) two contracts to provide Design Studies & Analyses Services in support of the Landing Craft-Utility (LCU), and in support of a new class of Towing, Salvage and Rescue Ship, T-ATS(X). FMG is the United States division of Fincantieri, the largest shipbuilder in the Western world, employing around 19,500 shipbuilding professionals in 21 shipyards in 13 countries on four continents.

For LCU, the scope of work will include technical solutions for the future LCU including, identifying affordability initiatives for reducing acquisition and ownership costs; the use of existing low-risk technology components; ensuring that the LCU is compatible with all existing amphibious ship well deck configurations; and, to ensure lowest total acquisition and ownership costs over the service life of the vessel.

For ATS(X), the scope of work will include the modification of an existing commercial-vessel design to meet Navy requirements. Design modifications will place emphasis on the use of commercially available and proven technologies in order to reduce acquisition and ownership costs, and to maximize vessel reliability, maintainability and supportability.

FMG President and CEO, Francesco Valente, commented on the company's real-world experience and engineering expertise:

"Our experience in building 17 legacy LCU vessels and seven Powhatan Class Tugs for the U.S. Navy, combined with the Fincantieri resources of more than 1,000 engineers worldwide—including over 100 in the U.S.—uniquely positions us to provide comprehensive and cost-effective solutions for each of these new platforms," he said.

FMG has a long history of designing and building ships for the U.S. Navy, Army and Coast Guard and is the builder of the Freedom Class Littoral Combat Ship at its Marinette, Wisconsin shipyard.



Photo Caption:

FMG has built 17 of the Navy's legacy LCU-1610 at its Fincantieri Marinette Marine shipyard in Marinette, WI.



FMG has built 7 legacy U.S Navy Powhatan Class Fleet Ocean Tugs: T-ATF-166 through T-ATF-172

About Fincantieri

Fincantieri is one of the world's largest shipbuilding groups and number one by diversification and innovation. It is leader in cruise ship design and construction and a reference player in all high-tech shipbuilding industry's sectors, from naval to offshore vessels, from high-complexity special vessels and ferries to mega-yachts, ship repairs and conversions, systems and components production and after-sales services.

Headquartered in Trieste Italy, the Group has built more than 7,000 vessels in over 230 years of maritime history. With around 19,500 employees, of whom more than 7,800 are in Italy, 21 shipyards in 13 countries on four continents, today Fincantieri is the leading Western shipbuilder. It has among its clients the major cruise operators, the Italian and the U.S. Navy, in addition to several foreign navies, and it is partner of some of the main European defense companies within supranational programs: www.fincantieri.com

Fincantieri operates in the United States through its subsidiary Fincantieri Marine Group (FMG). This company, which serves government customers, including the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard, has three shipyards (Fincantieri Marinette Marine, Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding and Fincantieri ACE Marine) all located in the Great Lakes Region: www.fincantierimarinegroup.com

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