



## **Fincantieri Marine Group Announces Industry Partners For Army MSV(L)**

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**New Orleans, LA December 1, 2015: Fincantieri Marine Group (FMG)**, announced that it will lead a world-class industry team in the pursuit of the U.S. Army contract for up to thirty-seven (37) Maneuver Support Vessel (Light) — MSV(L), a replacement for the Landing Craft Mechanized (LCM-8).

The announcement was made at the 2015 International WorkBoat Show's Army Watercraft Systems Industry Day.

Key members of the **Fincantieri Marine Group** industry team include Constructions Industrielles de la Méditerranée (CNIM), Oshkosh Defense, LLC, and Watercraft Logistics Services (WLS).

Francesco G. Valente, President and CEO of **FMG**, described the team as "the most experienced team suited for delivering specialized watercrafts to the US Army," pointing to the expertise of FMG's shipyards, which built LCM-6, LCM-8, and LCU landing crafts in Marinette, WI — delivering 562 landing crafts for the Army and Navy over a period of 23-years.

"We believe that our world-class team and proven design represent the lowest risk and lowest total life-cycle cost to the U.S. Army. Our solution brings significant warfighting capabilities in increased speed, maneuverability, access to austere shallow water beachheads, as well as survivability and endurance to the battlefield," continued Valente. "The MSV(L) proven design – with 7 similar vessels already operational -

provides high-reliability and flexibility to support Brigade Combat Teams and their operational and tactical maneuver requirements, now and in the future,” he said.

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#### **ABOUT FINCANTIERI**

**FINCANTIERI** is one of the world's largest shipbuilding groups and number one by diversification and presence in all high value-added market sectors, having built more than 7,000 vessels in over 230 years of its maritime history. It is world leader in cruise ship construction and a reference player in other sectors, from naval vessels to cruise ferries, from mega-yachts to special high value-added vessels, from ship repairs and conversions to offshore vessels. Headquartered in Trieste (Italy), FINCANTIERI has approximately 21,600 employees and operates 21 shipyards on four continents.

**FINCANTIERI** operates in the United States through its subsidiary **Fincantieri Marine Group (FMG)**. FMG serves government customers, including the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard, as well as commercial customers. It operates three shipyards (Fincantieri Marinette Marine, Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding and Fincantieri ACE Marine) and employs more than 2,200 shipbuilding professionals.

#### **ABOUT CNIM**

**CNIM** designs and produces turnkey industrial solutions with high-technological content in the areas of advanced research, innovation and environmentally sensitive energy solutions. It is the designer and builder of seven similar operational vessels, four of which have been in operation with allied military forces for the past four years. The CNIM Landing Catamaran (L-CAT) design meets or exceeds requirements for speed, range, payload, draft and endurance, and has the documented reliability, availability, and maintainability (RAM) to support the U.S. Army's maneuver and sustainment requirements. The CNIM design, combined with the strengths of the other team members, offers the lowest possible life cycle cost solution in a Built-in-America platform.

#### **ABOUT OSHKOSH DEFENSE**

**Oshkosh** is a leading provider of tactical wheeled vehicles and life cycle sustainment services. For nearly 100-years, Oshkosh has been mobilizing military and security forces around the globe with a full portfolio of heavy, medium, light and highly-protected military vehicles. Oshkosh also offers advanced technologies and components to provide customers with a distinct edge as they fulfill their missions. Every Oshkosh Defense vehicle is backed by a dedicated team of technical experts, a global logistics and supplier network, and a complete range of life cycle sustainment services to optimize fleet readiness and performance.

#### **ABOUT WLS**

**WLS** is a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) providing Familiarization Training and New Equipment Training (NET) for operators and maintainers of Army watercraft. These comprehensive training programs are designed by instructors who have served on Army watercraft all over the world, and who have taught at the U.S. Army Watercraft School.



**Photo Cutline:**

ATLANTIC OCEAN (Feb. 6, 2012)

Fincantieri Marine Group's MSV(L) candidate going ashore during the amphibious assault phase of Bold Alligator, a major multinational littoral warfare exercise hosted by the United States.