



**COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT
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AUSTAL USA AWARDED SERVICE CONTRACT MODIFICATION

The United States Department of Defense has announced that Austal USA has been awarded a US\$8.247 million modification to a previously awarded Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) contract.

The modification exercises options for core class services for the LCS Program. These core class services may include maintaining the class design baseline, maintenance of shipboard aviation facility certifications, class configuration management, and fleet sustainment (ship alterations and Integrated Logistics Support products).

Austal USA will assess engineering and production challenges as well as evaluate the cost and schedule risks from affordability efforts to reduce LCS acquisition and lifecycle costs.

Work will be performed in Mobile, Ala. (60 percent), and Pittsfield, Mass. (40 percent), and is expected to be complete by November 2014.

The Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C., is the contracting authority.

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About Austal

Austal is a global defence prime contractor. The Company designs, constructs and maintains revolutionary platforms such as the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) and the Joint High Speed Vessel (JHSV) for the United States Navy, as well as an extensive range of patrol and auxiliary vessels for defence forces and government agencies globally. Austal also designs, installs, integrates and maintains sophisticated communications, radar and command and control systems.

Austal benefits from its position as a world leader in the design, construction and support of customised, high performance aluminium vessels for the commercial high speed ferry market, an achievement gained over a period of nearly 25 years.

Austal's primary facilities comprise a dedicated defence shipyard in Henderson, Western Australia; a dedicated defence shipyard in Mobile, Alabama; and a dedicated commercial shipyard in Balamban, Philippines. The Company also provides vessel support services from its facilities in Australia, the United States, Asia, the Caribbean, and the Middle East. Systems development, sales and support are coordinated from Austal's facility in Canberra, Australia.

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