



News Release

Fincantieri Marine Systems North America, Inc. Honored as LCS Team Freedom Supplier of the Year

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 15, 2019 – Recognized for their outstanding performance and commitment to the Freedom-variant Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), Fincantieri Marine Systems North America, Inc. (FMSNA) was named as the 2018 Team Freedom LCS Supplier of the Year on Jan. 15 at the 31st annual Surface Navy Association National Symposium.

A longtime supplier to the Lockheed Martin-led team, FMSNA supplies the Ship Service Diesel Generators for the Freedom-variant LCS. This allows the ship to better utilize space and weight for mission packages. FMSNA has also provided shaft alignment services since USS Little Rock (LCS 9) for integration of the shaft services. Their efforts have helped to reduce overall construction hours.

"FMSNA has been an excellent partner, repeatedly demonstrating its value to our program and our U.S. Navy customer," said Joe DePietro, vice president, Lockheed Martin Small Combatants and Ship Systems. "As a member of Team Freedom from the start, the FMSNA team has played an important role in our program's success, and we look forward to continuing our partnership in the years to come."

Since the LCS program's inception, Freedom-variant LCS production has injected hundreds of millions of dollars into local economies throughout the Midwest. The Freedom-variant LCS team is comprised of Lockheed Martin, shipbuilder Fincantieri Marinette Marine, naval architect Gibbs & Cox, and more than 800 suppliers in 42 states. The program supports thousands of direct and indirect jobs throughout the United States, including more than 7,500 in Michigan and Wisconsin.

"FMSNA has been a supplier of the LCS program since its inception and is proud to be a part of this world class team," said Rick Dinsmore, vice president and general manager, FMSNA. "Thank you to Lockheed Martin, the U.S. Navy and Fincantieri for their continued partnership. Today's award is a result of close teamwork among the entire Freedom team."

The Lockheed Martin and Fincantieri Marinette Marine (FMM) team is in full-rate production of the Freedom-variant LCS and has delivered seven ships to the U.S. Navy to date. There are seven ships in various stages of construction at FMM in Marinette, Wisconsin.

Lockheed Martin's Freedom-variant LCS is highly maneuverable, lethal and adaptable. Originally designed to support focused missions such as mine warfare, anti-submarine warfare and surface warfare, the team continues to evolve capabilities based on rigorous Navy operational testing; sailor feedback and multiple successful fleet deployments. The Freedom-variant LCS integrates new technology and capability to affordably support current and future mission capability from deep water to the littorals.

For additional information, visit: www.lockheedmartin.com/lcs

About Lockheed Martin

Headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, Lockheed Martin is a global security and aerospace company that employs approximately 100,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services.

About Fincantieri Marinette Marine

Fincantieri is the leading western shipbuilder with a rich history dating back more than 230 years, and a track record of building more than 7,000 ships. Fincantieri Marine Group is the American subsidiary of Fincantieri, and operates three Great Lakes Shipyards: Fincantieri Marinette Marine, Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding, and Fincantieri ACE Marine. Fincantieri Marine Group's more than 2,100 steelworkers, craftsman, engineers and technicians in the United States specialize in the design, construction and maintenance of merchant ships and government vessels, including for the United States Navy and Coast Guard.

About Gibbs & Cox

Gibbs & Cox, the nation's leading independent maritime solutions firm specializing in naval architecture, marine engineering and design, is headquartered in Arlington, Virginia. The company, founded in 1929, has provided designs for nearly 80 percent of the current U.S. Navy surface combatant fleet; approaching 7,000 naval and commercial ships have been built to Gibbs & Cox designs.

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