Austal USA Completes First Drydocking Event & Wins LCS 30 DRSA Contract



MOBILE, Ala. – The first Navy ship at Austal USA's West Coast repair facility, onsite for repairs requiring a dry dock, successfully exited Dry Dock Independence recently, marking an historic milestone. Sources say this ship is the first vessel on the West Coast to meet its scheduled undocking date without exceptions or the need for a contract extension.

Following this milestone was an announcement by the Navy that Austal USA was selected as the winning offeror, prevailing over three other competitors, for the USS Canberra (LCS 30) FY27 Docking Selected Restricted Availability (DSRA).

“Austal’s successful undocking event is a remarkable accomplishment that sets a new standard for performance and efficiency,” stated Austal USA President Gene Miller. “This coupled with the LCS 30 DSRA contract award is a result of our San Diego team’s hard work, expertise, and relentless commitment to delivering exceptional results for our Navy customer; efforts that are making a difference and helping establish Austal USA as a trusted partner in West Coast fleet maintenance.”

The dry dock has a 9,000 light ton lifting capacity. It is 531 feet (162 meters) long and 154 feet (47 meters) wide, with a wingwall width of 13.12 feet (4.0 meters) and a maximum draft of 36 feet (11 meters). The dry dock cranes have a combined lifting capacity of 16 metric tons.

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