Austal USA Receives $21 Million Order for Post-Delivery LCS Work

MOBILE, Ala. – The Department of Defense has awarded Austal USA, as the prime contractor, a $21 million order against a previously awarded Basic Ordering Agreement to accomplish the post-shakedown availability (PSA) execution for the littoral combat ship USS Manchester (LCS 14), the company said in a Dec. 23 release.

This effort encompasses all of the manpower, support services, material, nonstandard equipment and associated technical data and documentation required to prepare for and accomplish the USS Manchester PSA. The work to be performed will include correction of government responsible trial card deficiencies, new work identified between custody transfer and the time of PSA, and incorporation of approved engineering changes that were not incorporated during the construction period which are not otherwise in the building yard's responsibility under the ship construction contract.

"This order is evidence of the Navy's confidence in Austal USA to provide significant post delivery services and support for the LCS fleet," said Austal USA President, Craig Perciavalle, "and it directly supports our growth strategy in the service business in San Diego, and Mobile, as we continue to support an ever-growing fleet of small surface combatants."

With nine ships delivered, five under construction and five more under contract, Austal USA is proving to be a major player in the Navy's plan for a 355-ship fleet. The Independence-variant LCS, along with Austal USA's expeditionary fast transport, are designed, constructed and well positioned to meet the needs of the fleet today and into

the future.