Bollinger Shipyards Finalizes U.S. Coast Guard Contract to Begin Production on Arctic Security Cutter Program



A rendering of an Arctic Security Cutter in the ice. image credit: Bollinger Shipyards

HOUMA, La. – Bollinger Shipyards announced July 7 it reached an agreement on final contract terms with the U.S. Coast Guard to begin production on the Arctic Security Cutter (ASC) program, advancing one of the nation's most critical maritime security programs and strengthening the United States' ability to operate sooner in the increasingly strategic Arctic regions.

By leveraging a design already selected by close allies and supported by an established supply chain, the program offers significant advantages in sustainment, training, interoperability and lifecycle affordability. This approach directly supports the administration's emphasis on accelerating timelines and delivering capability to the Coast Guard without delay.

The Arctic Security Cutter program will leverage Bollinger's integrated manufacturing network, which includes more than a dozen strategically located facilities and a skilled workforce of more than 4,000 workers. For more than two decades, Bollinger has successfully executed complex commercial shipbuilding programs using a distributed production model that integrates engineering, fabrication, assembly and final vessel construction across its shipyard network. This approach provides flexibility, strengthens schedule certainty, and allows Bollinger to maintain consistent quality standards throughout the production process.

"We are honored in the trust President Trump and the U.S. government has placed in Bollinger as the lead American shipyard to deliver on the critical Arctic Security Cutter program," said Ben Bordelon, president and CEO of Bollinger Shipyards. "Our objective has always been clear: deliver a proven Arctic capability to the Coast Guard, strengthen the American shipbuilding industrial base, and provide taxpayers with the best long-term value through commonality, sustainment efficiencies and low-risk acquisition approach. We believe the United States cannot afford to lose another decade building its Arctic presence, and we are committed to delivering these vessels with the urgency this mission and our president demands."

"America's future in the Arctic demands strength, capability, and resolve," said Secretary of Homeland Security Markwayne Mullin said in the statement. "I want to thank President Trump for his bold leadership and vision in directing this critical

investment that made these icebreakers possible.”

“The progress we’ve made to date on the ASC program reflects the strength of our partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard and the skill of our shipbuilders across the Gulf of America,” Bordelon added. “This award not only reinforces Bollinger’s leading role in revitalizing the domestic shipbuilding industrial base but also highlights the importance of investing in American manufacturing and the workforce that powers it.”

Bollinger’s continued work on the Arctic Security Cutter program builds on its longstanding partnership with the Coast Guard, spanning more than four decades of delivering 189 mission-ready vessels across its 22 facilities in support of national security, maritime safety, and economic stability.