Coast Guard to Open Polar Security Cutter Project Office in Pascagoula

PASCAGOULA, Miss. – Representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard Acquisitions Program are scheduled to preside over a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sept. 11 in Pascagoula to formally open the service's Polar Security Cutter Project Resident Office, the Coast Guard's 8th District said in a release.

The Project Resident Office will be responsible for overseeing the construction of the new polar security cutter being built at VT Halter Marine Shipyard.

Timothy M. Newton is the commanding officer of the Polar Security Cutter Project Resident Office.

The new icebreaker will be the first of six planned icebreakers the Coast Guard needs to meet its missions in the high latitudes.

"Against the backdrop of great power competition, the polar security cutter is key to our nation's presence in the polar regions," Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Karl Schultz said in a previously released statement.