

# Fairbanks Morse to Provide Engine Parts for Coast Guard Icebreaking Tugboats



The Coast Guard Cutter Katmai Bay (WTGB 101) was the first of nine 140-foot Bay Class tugs built for the Coast Guard's domestic icebreaking mission. *U.S. COAST GUARD*

BELOIT, Wis. – Fairbanks Morse Defense, a portfolio company of Arcline Investment Management, has been awarded a five-year indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity requirements contract by the U.S. Coast Guard Surface Forces Logistic Center, the company announced Jan. 10.

The agreement, worth up to \$13 million, makes FMD the required source of supply for all opposed piston engine parts listed in the contract's schedule of supplies. These parts primarily support OP engines on nine 140-foot Bay Class Icebreaking Tugboats (WTGBs).

Since 1977, WTGBs have been used as critical icebreakers on many Northeast and Midwestern U.S. rivers and the Great Lakes, ensuring waterways remain open year-round. More than 15 million tons of cargo such as food and petroleum products, as well as 90% of the nation's home heating oil, are transported annually in January and February along Northeast waterways, making it essential that these channels are kept open to avoid supply chain disruptions.

The contract also includes provisions for engine parts onboard the U.S. Coast Guard's decommissioned high endurance cutters (WHECs) that have been transferred or are in the process of being transferred to foreign navies.

"Fairbanks Morse Defense delivers an advantage to the U.S. Coast Guard by offering best-in-class marine technologies, OEM [original equipment manufacturer] parts, and turnkey services," said FMD CEO George Whittier. "As a trusted partner to the Coast Guard, we live our ironclad commitment to the fleet and crew every day, on every job. Manufactured in the U.S. and serviced worldwide, our proven marine technology is engineered for excellence to ensure reliable operation and minimal downtime."