

# HII Awarded \$145 Million Advance Procurement Contract for Amphib LHA 9



An MV-22B Osprey lands in April aboard the amphibious assault ship USS America (LHA 6), the first of its class. Ingalls Shipbuilding has received another contract modification for long-lead-time material and advance procurement activities for the fourth ship of the America class, LHA 9. U.S. Navy/Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jomark Almazan

PASCAGOULA, Miss. – Huntington Ingalls Industries' Ingalls Shipbuilding division has received a third contract modification from the U.S. Navy for \$145 million to provide long-lead-time material and advance procurement activities for amphibious assault ship LHA 9, the company announced in a release. This modification brings the total advance funding for LHA 9 to \$350 million.

"This advance procurement contract will help protect the health of our supplier base and strengthen our efforts to efficiently modernize the nation's amphibious fleet as we continue to build amphibious ships for the Navy," Ingalls Shipbuilding President Brian Cuccias said.

Ingalls is the sole builder of large-deck amphibious ships for the Navy. The shipyard delivered its first amphibious assault ship, the Iwo Jima-class USS Tripoli (LPH 10), in 1966. Ingalls has since built five Tarawa-class (LHA 1) ships, eight Wasp-class (LHD 1) ships and the first in a new class of amphibious assault ships, America (LHA 6), in 2014. The second ship in that class, the Tripoli (LHA 7), was delivered to the Navy earlier this year. Bougainville (LHA 8) is under construction.