



Acquisition Directorate

COAST GUARD COAST GUARD RECAPITALIZATION

Mission execution begins here.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Demand for Coast Guard services is greater than ever and continues to expand. The U.S. Coast Guard Acquisition Directorate is responsible for the service's \$30 billion recapitalization investment portfolio, which includes more than 20 major acquisition programs and projects.

Acquiring new assets and upgrading aging platforms, mission systems and facilities will recapitalize the Coast Guard by replacing obsolete and costly-to-maintain assets. These investments will help ensure sustainable readiness by delivering the new cutters, small boats, aircraft, helicopters, and electronic command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) systems that support the service's operational forces out in the field.

The Acquisition Directorate's mission is to acquire and deliver more-capable, interoperable assets and systems and high quality, timely services that support Coast Guard forces in executing missions effectively and efficiently.

The Coast Guard's cutters, aircraft and mission systems are on the front line of a multi-layered, multi-mission strategy that addresses maritime homeland security, law enforcement and public safety, national defense and natural resource protection. The Coast Guard protects citizens from the sea, protects America from threats delivered by the sea and protects the sea itself.

The Coast Guard's assets improve border and transportation security, increase interoperability with the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, improve law enforcement response and coordination, and guard critical maritime infrastructure. The Acquisition Directorate is committed to delivering and supporting state-of-the-market platforms and systems that are affordable, efficient and mission capable.



"Recapitalization is vital to improve mission readiness by replacing aged, obsolete and unreliable assets. Investment in Coast Guard recapitalization is the service's top budget priority and is essential to mission execution."

*—Adm. Robert J. Papp Jr.,
Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard*

The U.S. Coast Guard is a military, maritime, multi-mission service. The security of America's maritime domain, including 95,000 miles of coast-line and all of the world's oceans, is a vital element of America's economic prosperity and homeland security. Even before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the Coast Guard faced an array of maritime security challenges—including countering terrorist threats, rescuing mariners in distress, interdicting drug smugglers and illegal migrants, enforcing fisheries and protecting natural resources—that posed direct threats to America's safety and security. These critical missions demand forces with the capability to detect and intercept potential threats on America's maritime front lines before they reach our shores—a force that is ready for today while preparing for tomorrow. In order to make this mission-ready force a reality, recapitalization is vital.