



Acquisition Directorate

OFFSHORE PATROL CUTTER

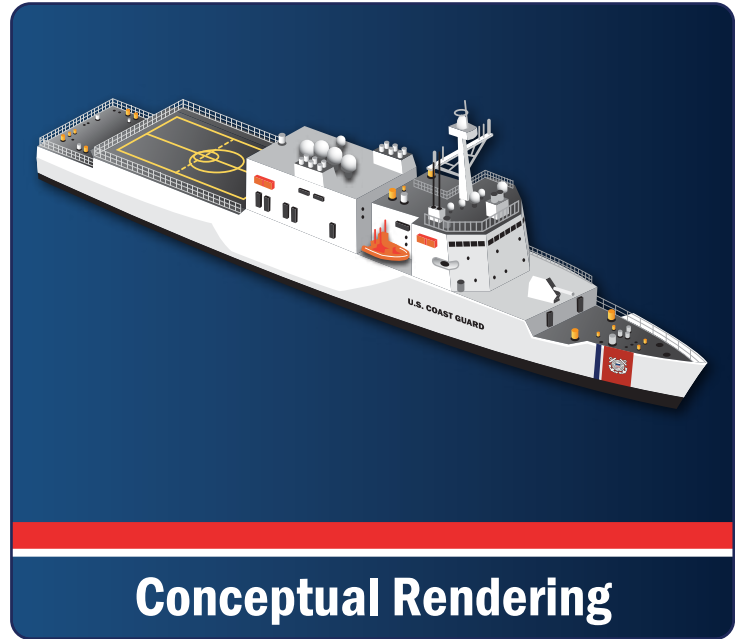
Mission execution begins here.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Offshore Patrol Cutter (OPC) will complement the Coast Guard’s legacy fleet and next-generation cutters to extend operational capabilities across the mission spectrum. The OPC will recapitalize the service’s Medium Endurance Cutters and will feature increased range and endurance; more powerful weapons; larger flight decks; improved command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) equipment; and will accommodate aircraft and small boat operations in higher sea states.

An industry engagement day was held for the OPC on Nov. 4, 2010, in Tampa, Fla. The Coast Guard is using a deliberative, two-phase design-build strategy to acquire the OPC. One reason for this approach is to establish stable requirements and design early on in the life of the acquisition, which helps mitigate cost and schedule risks. The first phase will include preliminary and contract design, and the second phase will include detail design and construction.

For updates on the OPC, visit the project’s website at <http://www.uscg.mil/acquisition/opc/default.asp>.



Conceptual Rendering

“Acquiring a capable Offshore Patrol Cutter is critical to our long-term mission effectiveness.”

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

FEATURES:

- Increased range and endurance
- More powerful weapons
- Improved C4ISR equipment
- Air and surface search radars and target classification sensors
- Small boat launch and recovery in higher sea states

CHARACTERISTICS:

- Number Planned:** Up to 25
- Length:** To be determined (TBD)
- Beam:** TBD
- Max Sustained Speed:** TBD
- Endurance:** TBD
- Armament:** TBD
- Crew:** TBD