



**Short Description:** National Graduate School Charter Agreement Signed

NEW ORLEANS - Rear Adm. Joel R. Whitehead, Commander of the Eighth Coast Guard District, signs a charter agreement between the National Graduate School and the Coast Guard here Saturday, Jan. 6, 2006.

The NGS is a nationally accredited program that utilizes project-oriented instruction instead of the traditional thesis based masters program for an alternative way for students to achieve a master's degree.

"This is a great opportunity for our Coast Guard members to receive a higher education," said Lt. Warren D. Judge, Operations Officer at the Electronic System Support Unit New Orleans and also a NGS student.

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