

SOLICITATION / CONTRACT / ORDER FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS
OFFEROR TO COMPLETE BLOCKS 12, 17, 23, 24, & 30

1. REQUISITION NUMBER
PR600070011

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2. CONTRACT NO. 3. AWARD/EFFECTIVE DATE 10/24/2006 4. ORDER NUMBER DTMA1P07007 5. SOLICITATION NUMBER 6. SOLICITATION ISSUE DATE

7. FOR SOLICITATION INFORMATION CALL: a. NAME b. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No collect calls) 8. OFFER DUE DATE/ LOCAL TIME

9. ISSUED BY CODE 00091
 DOT/Maritime Administration, MAR-380
 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7310
 Washington, DC 20590
 TEL: (202) 366-5757 ext.
 FAX: (202) 366-3237 ext.

10. THIS ACQUISITION IS
 UNRESTRICTED
 SET ASIDE: 100.00% FOR
 SMALL BUSINESS
 HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS
 8(A)
 NAICS: 561990
 SIZE STANDARD: 5,000,001-10,000,000

11. DELIVERY FOR FOB DESTINATION UNLESS BLOCK IS MARKED
 SEE SCHEDULE
 13a. THIS CONTRACT IS A RATED ORDER UNDER DPAS (15 CFR 700)
 13b. RATING
 14. METHOD OF SOLICITATION
 RFQ IFB RFP

12. DISCOUNT TERMS
 10 days 2 %
 20 days %
 30 days %
 days %

15. DELIVER TO CODE HQ610
 DOT/Maritime Administration, MAR-610
 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 2122
 Washington, DC 20590
Attn: Curt Michanczyk

16. ADMINISTERED BY CODE 00091
 DOT/Maritime Administration, MAR-380
 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7310
 Washington, DC 20590

17a. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR CODE * FACILITY CODE
 Underwater Services International, Inc
 4128 NW 47th Pl
 Gainesville, FL 32606-4427
 TELEPHONE NO. (352) 373-6301 ext.

18a. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY CODE HQ333
 DOT/Maritime Administration, MAR-330
 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7325
 Washington, DC 20590

17b. CHECK IF REMITTANCE IS DIFFERENT AND PUT SUCH ADDRESS IN OFFER
 18b. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN BLOCK 18a UNLESS BLOCK BELOW IS CHECKED SEE ADDENDUM

19. ITEM NO.	20. SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	21. QUANTITY	22. UNIT	23. UNIT PRICE	24. AMOUNT
(Use Reverse and/or Attach Additional Sheets as Necessary)					

25. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA - 49 - X4768 - 1 - 07 - SD - - SDMISC - 160000 - - 3105 - - - - -
 26. TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT (For Govt. Use Only) \$ 31,500.00

27a. SOLICITATION INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-1, 52.212-4. FAR 52.212-3 AND 52.212-5 ARE ATTACHED. ADDENDA ARE ARE NOT ATTACHED
 27b. CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE FAR 52.212-4. FAR 52.212-5 IS ATTACHED. ADDENDA ARE ARE NOT ATTACHED

28. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND RETURN _____ COPIES TO ISSUING OFFICE. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO FURNISH AND DELIVER ALL ITEMS SET FORTH OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED ABOVE AND ON ANY ADDITIONAL SHEETS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED HEREIN.
 29. AWARD OF CONTRACT: REF. _____ OFFER
 DATED _____. YOUR OFFER ON SOLICITATION (BLOCK 5), INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WHICH ARE SET FORTH HEREIN, IS ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS:

30a. SIGNATURE OF OFFEROR/CONTRACTOR 31a. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER)

30b. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print) 30c. DATE SIGNED 31b. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) 31c. DATE SIGNED

19. ITEM NO.	20. SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES	21. QUANTITY	22. UNIT	23. UNIT PRICE	24. AMOUNT

32a. QUANTITY IN COLUMN 21 HAS BEEN

RECEIVED INSPECTED ACCEPTED, AND CONFORMS TO THE CONTRACT, EXCEPT AS NOTED: _____

32b. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE	32c. DATE	32d. PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE
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32e. MAILING ADDRESS OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE	32f. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE
	32g. E-MAIL OF AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

33. SHIP NUMBER	34. VOUCHER NUMBER	35. AMOUNT VERIFIED CORRECT FOR	36. PAYMENT <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETE <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL <input type="checkbox"/> FINAL	37. CHECK NUMBER
<input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL <input type="checkbox"/> FINAL				

38. S/R ACCOUNT NUMBER	39. S/R VOUCHER NUMBER	40. PAID BY
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41a. I CERTIFY THIS ACCOUNT IS CORRECT AND PROPER FOR PAYMENT	42a. RECEIVED BY <i>(Print)</i>
41b. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFYING OFFICER	41c. DATE
	42b. RECEIVED AT <i>(Location)</i>
	42c. DATE REC'D <i>(YY/MM/DD)</i>
	42d. TOTAL CONTAINERS

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Total Funding: \$31,500.00

FYs	Fund	Budget Org	Sub	Object Class	Sub	Program	Cost Org	Sub	Proj/Job No.	Sub	Reporting Category
49	X4768	1	07	SD		SDMISC	160000		3105		
Division	Closed FYs	Cancelled Fund									
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Line Item Number	Description	Delivery Date (Start Date to End Date)	Quantity	Unit of Issue	Unit Price	Total Cost (Includes Discounts)
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0001	TEXAS CLIPPER I(Diving Services)	7 dys. (ADC)	1.00		\$31,500.000	\$ 31,500.00
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Provide diving services to clean the underwater hull of the vessel TEXAS CLIPPER I located at the Beaumont Reserve Fleet. Underwater hull cleaning shall be accomplished in accordance with the attached statement of work and USCG Interem Underwater Hull Cleaning Criteria dated June 30, 2006. The Period of Performance is 7 calendar days after issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

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Funding Information:

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\$31,500.00

Total Cost: \$31,500.00

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(b) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) (26 U.S.C. 6109, 31 U.S.C. 7701). (Not applicable if the offeror is required to provide this information to a central contractor registration database to be eligible for award.)

(1) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (b)(3) through (b)(5) of this provision to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325(d), reporting requirements of 26 U.S.C. 6041, 6041A, and 6050M, and implementing regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

(2) The TIN may be used by the Government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the offeror's relationship with the Government (31 U.S.C. 7701(c)(3)). If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror's TIN.

(3) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

TIN: _____.

TIN has been applied for.

TIN is not required because:

Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States;

Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

(4) Type of organization.

Sole proprietorship;

Partnership;

Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);

Corporate entity (tax-exempt);

Government entity (Federal, State, or local);

Foreign government;

International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;

Other _____.

(5) Common parent.

Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent;

Name and TIN of common parent:

Name _____.

TIN _____.

(c) Offerors must complete the following representations when the resulting contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas. Check all that apply.

(1) Small business concern. The offeror represents as part of its offer that it is, is not a small business concern.

(2) Veteran-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it is, is not a veteran-owned small business concern.

(3) Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a veteran-owned small business concern in paragraph (c)(2) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it is, is not a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.

(4) Small disadvantaged business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents, for general statistical purposes, that it is, is not a small disadvantaged business concern as defined in 13 CFR 124.1002.

(5) Women-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents that it is, is not a women-owned small business concern.

Note: Complete paragraphs (c)(6) and (c)(7) only if this solicitation is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

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(6) Women-owned business concern (other than small business concern). [Complete only if the offeror is a women-owned business concern and did not represent itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents that it [] is a women-owned business concern.

(7) Tie bid priority for labor surplus area concerns. If this is an invitation for bid, small business offerors may identify the labor surplus areas in which costs to be incurred on account of manufacturing or production (by offeror or first-tier subcontractors) amount to more than 50 percent of the contract price:

(8) Small Business Size for the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program and for the Targeted Industry Categories under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program. [Complete only if the offeror has represented itself to be a small business concern under the size standards for this solicitation.]

(i) [Complete only for solicitations indicated in an addendum as being set-aside for emerging small businesses in one of the designated industry groups (DIGs).] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [] is, [] is not an emerging small business.

(ii) [Complete only for solicitations indicated in an addendum as being for one of the targeted industry categories (TICs) or designated industry groups (DIGs).] Offeror represents as follows:

(A) Offeror's number of employees for the past 12 months (check the Employees column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of number of employees); or

(B) Offeror's average annual gross revenue for the last 3 fiscal years (check the Average Annual Gross Number of Revenues column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of annual receipts).

(Check one of the following):

Number of Employees	Average Annual Gross Revenues
___ 50 or fewer	___ \$1 million or less
___ 51--100	___ \$1,000,001--\$2 million
___ 101--250	___ \$2,000,001--\$3.5 million
___ 251--500	___ \$3,500,001--\$5 million
___ 501--750	___ \$5,000,001--\$10 million
___ 751--1,000	___ \$10,000,001--\$17 million
___ Over 1,000	___ Over \$17 million

(9) [Complete only if the solicitation contains the clause at FAR 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns, or FAR 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program--Disadvantaged Status and Reporting, and the offeror desires a benefit based on its disadvantaged status.]

(i) General. The offeror represents that either--

(A) It [] is, [] is not certified by the Small Business Administration as a small disadvantaged business concern and identified, on the date of this representation, as a certified small disadvantaged business concern in the database maintained by the Small Business Administration (PRO-Net), and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its certification, and, where the concern is owned by one or more individuals claiming disadvantaged status, the net worth of each individual upon whom the certification is based does not exceed \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); or

(B) It [] has, [] has not submitted a completed application to the Small Business Administration or a Private Certifier to be certified as a small disadvantaged business concern in accordance with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B, and a decision on that application is pending, and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its application was submitted.

(ii) [] Joint Ventures under the Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns. The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that it is a joint venture that complies with the requirements in 13 CFR 124.1002(f) and that the representation in paragraph (c)(9)(i) of this provision is accurate for the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name of the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture:_____.]

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(10) HUBZone small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that—

(i) It [] is, [] is not a HUBZone small business concern listed, on the date of this representation, on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business Administration, and no material change in ownership and control, principal office, or HUBZone employee percentage has occurred since it was certified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with 13 CFR part 126; and

(ii) It [] is, [] is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR part 126, and the representation in paragraph (c)(10)(i) of this provision is accurate for the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name or names of the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture: _____.] Each HUBZone small business concern participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the HUBZone representation.

(d) Representations required to implement provisions of Executive Order 11246--

(1) Previous contracts and compliance. The offeror represents that--

(i) It [] has, [] has not participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity clause of this solicitation; and

(ii) It [] has, [] has not filed all required compliance reports.

(2) Affirmative Action Compliance. The offeror represents that--

(i) It [] has developed and has on file, [] has not developed and does not have on file, at each establishment, affirmative action programs required by rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR parts 60-1 and 60-2), or

(ii) It [] has not previously had contracts subject to the written affirmative action programs requirement of the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) Certification Regarding Payments to Influence Federal Transactions (31 U.S.C. 1352). (Applies only if the contract is expected to exceed \$100,000.) By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the award of any resultant contract.

(f) Buy American Act Certificate. (Applies only if the clause at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.225-1, Buy American Act--Supplies, is included in this solicitation.)

(1) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (f)(2) of this provision, is a domestic end product and that the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States. The offeror shall list as foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products. The terms "component", "domestic end product", "end product", "foreign end product", and "United States" are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--Supplies."

(2) Foreign End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(3) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25.

(g)(1) Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act Certificate. (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-3, Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act, is included in this solicitation.)

(i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) or (g)(1)(iii) of this provision, is a domestic end product and that the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States. The terms "component", "domestic end product", "end product", "foreign end product", and "United States" are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act"

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(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are end products of Australia, Canada, Chile, Mexico, or Singapore, or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act":

End Products of Australia, Canada, Chile, Mexico, or Singapore or Israeli End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(iii) The offeror shall list those supplies that are foreign end products (other than those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this provision) as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act." The offeror shall list as other foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products.

Other Foreign End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(iv) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25.

(2) Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate I (JAN 2004). If Alternate I to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act":

Canadian End Products:

Line Item No.

[List as necessary]

(3) Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate II (JAN 2004). If Alternate II to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act":

Canadian or Israeli End Products:

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(4) Trade Agreements Certificate. (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-5, Trade Agreements, is included in this solicitation.)

(i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(4)(ii) of this provision, is a U.S.-made or designated country end product, as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Trade Agreements."

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(ii) The offeror shall list as other end products those end products that are not U.S.-made or designated country end products.

Other End Products:

Line Item No	Country of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(iii) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25. For line items covered by the WTO GPA, the Government will evaluate offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products without regard to the restrictions of the Buy American Act. The Government will consider for award only offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products unless the Contracting Officer determines that there are no offers for such products or that the offers for such products are insufficient to fulfill the requirements of the solicitation.

(h) Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension or Ineligibility for Award (Executive Order 12549). (Applies only if the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.) The offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror and/or any of its principals--

(1) Are, are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency; and

(2) Have, have not, within the three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and

(3) Are, are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.

(i) Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products (Executive Order 13126). [The Contracting Officer must list in paragraph (i)(1) any end products being acquired under this solicitation that are included in the List of Products Requiring Contractor Certification as to Forced or Indentured Child Labor, unless excluded at 22.1503(b).]

(1) Listed end products.

Listed End Product	Listed Countries of Origin
_____	_____
_____	_____

(2) Certification. [If the Contracting Officer has identified end products and countries of origin in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision, then the offeror must certify to either (i)(2)(i) or (i)(2)(ii) by checking the appropriate block.]

(i) The offeror will not supply any end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product.

(ii) The offeror may supply an end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product. The offeror certifies that it has made a good faith effort to determine whether forced or indentured child labor was used to mine, produce, or manufacture any such end product furnished under this contract. On the basis of those efforts, the offeror certifies that it is not aware of any such use of child labor.

(j)(1) Annual Representations and Certifications. Any changes provided by the offeror in paragraph (j) of this provision do not automatically change the representations and certifications posted on the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) website.

(2) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the ORCA website at <http://orca.bpn.gov>. After reviewing the ORCA database information, the offeror verifies by submission of this offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically at FAR 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items, have been entered or updated in the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to

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the NAICS code referenced for this solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201), except for paragraphs _____.

[Offeror to identify the applicable paragraphs at (b) through (i) of this provision that the offeror has completed for the purposes of this solicitation only, if any.

These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.

Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representations and certifications posted on ORCA.]

(End of provision)

2 STATEMENT OF WORK

IN WATER HULL CLEANING CRITERIA APPLICABLE TO THE TEXAS CLIPPER I.

1 It is the intent of the Government to conduct a full in water hull cleaning as described in Section 2.2 and 2.3 of DEFINED ACTIONS, in the USCG INTERIM CRITERIA FOR CLEANING HULL OF MARAD VESSEL PRIOR TO RELOCATION and clean the entire underwater hull surface, (i.e. painted surfaces), including the flat bottom, appendages, struts, shafts, propellers, and rudders for the obsolete vessel prior to departure for tow to Brownsville, TX. It is recognized the hull cleaning process will not remove the hard calcified hull fouling. The hull cleaning process is intended to prevent the removal of hull coatings or scale from the vessels underwater hull and appendages.

2 The Procedures and Equipment as outlined in the Section 3 of the USCG INTETIM CRITERIA shall be utilized when performing the in water hull cleaning operations.

3 The Contractor shall immediately notify the MARAD COTR if they encounter any constraints or delays such as diver safety issues, water clarity, water currents or weather conditions in performing the in water hull cleaning to the vessels.

4 The Contractor shall deliver to the MARAD COTR the following documentation.

- a. Three copies of before and after in water hull cleaning color still or video photography of the locations described in Section 3.6 of the USCG INTERIM CRITERIA. Submittals shall be in digital format on CD-ROM or DVD as appropriate.
- b. An Inspection and Cleaning report, signed by the lead diver that documents the pre-cleaning and post cleaning inspections as described in Sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the UDCG INTERIM CRITERIA. Required prior to vessel towing
- c. A report which provides concise technical description of cleaning operations performed and describes in detail constraints to hull accessibility encountered when performing cleaning operations. Required prior to vessel towing.
- d. Daily Dive Team logs as described in Section 3.9 of the USCG INTERIM CRITERIA signed by the lead diver and a representative of MARAD. Required prior to vessel towing.

All signed reports shall be digitally scanned onto a CD-ROM and three copies of the CD and original report shall be submitted to the MARAD COTR. Unless otherwise directed MARAD will make the required report submittals to the USCG.

3 USCG INTEREM UNDERWATER HULL CLEANING CRITERIA

USCG INTERIM CRITERIA FOR CLEANING HULL OF MARAD VESSEL PRIOR TO RELOCATION

USCG Interim Criteria for Cleaning Hulls of MARAD Vessels Prior to Relocation 27 June 2006

A. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

1. Coast Guard regulations intended to reduce the transport and introduction of non-indigenous organisms via fouling of ships' surfaces are described in 33 CFR 151, Subpart D section 2035 (5) and (6).
2. Maritime Administration (MARAD) vessels that are intended to be disposed of through dismantling, reefing, or deep-sea disposal have often been lain up for considerable periods of time, with little or no hull maintenance or cleaning, which may result in hull fouling.
3. Movement of vessels with heavily fouled hulls between geographic locations constitutes a risk of introducing associated organisms to marine and estuarine habitats in U.S. waters where they do not naturally occur.

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4. MARAD is developing a comprehensive programmatic approach, in coordination with the Coast Guard, for minimizing the risks of translocating non-indigenous organisms when vessels must be moved for disposal.
5. While the Programmatic Plan in (1.4) is being prepared, an interim approach to meeting the requirements of 33 CFR 151.2035(5) & (6) is required for uniform and consistent application to all obsolete MARAD vessels moved for disposal.
6. These Criteria are intended to provide such consistent guidance for Coast Guard and MARAD personnel relative to actions taken to bring MARAD vessels into compliance with 33 CFR 151.2035.
7. Actions and criteria may be added or modified over time, as appropriate and necessary.

B. DEFINED ACTIONS

1. Hull Cleaning - the removal of soft, non-calcified biological fouling of the underwater hull, appendages, and openings of vessels by mechanical means using brushes, scrapers and similar tools. The purpose of underwater hull cleaning prior to relocation for disposal is to remove excessive soft biological fouling that has developed over long lay-up periods with little or no regular hull cleaning. The underwater cleaning process, therefore, should remove as much of the accumulated soft biological fouling as possible. However, given the poor condition of the hulls of some of the obsolete MARAD vessels slated for disposal, and the need to prevent the release of paint coating residues, it is recognized that the cleaning operation will not remove all of the "hard" fouling. As an interim measure, it is expected that hull cleaning will be conducted in-water prior to the movement of the vessel.
2. Full Cleaning - the cleaning of the entire underwater hull surface (i.e. painted surfaces), appendages, including propellers and shafts, and openings.
3. Partial Cleaning - only discrete sections of the hull (e.g., forward one-third or forward two-thirds of the hull), appendages (e.g., rudders, sonar dome, fin stabilizers), and systems (e.g., masker air, hull openings) are cleaned. Partial cleanings may be conducted because the extent and distribution of fouling before movement of the vessel is not uniformly distributed over the entire hull or access for cleaning of the entire underwater hull is limited due to restrictive water depth or visibility. Under such a circumstances, partial cleanings are a viable alternative to cleaning the entire hull and all the underwater components, but must be based on a vessel specific assessment that clearly documents the appropriateness of a partial cleaning.

C. PROCEDURES AND EQUIPMENT

1. In-water cleaning will be conducted by certified professional divers utilizing hand-held or self-propelled rotary brush equipment, water jets, hydrolance equipment, or other similar industry-recognized equipment.
2. Cleaning techniques are to be used that prevent removal and release of paints and other coatings, or damage to the physical integrity of the hull.
3. In-water hull cleaning will be conducted in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations and requirements.
4. Pre-cleaning inspections by the divers will document the abundance, extent, and type of fouling. This information will be used to select the appropriate cleaning methods and equipment.
5. Post-cleaning inspections by the divers will document the degree to which the fouling has been removed. At minimum, cleaning will remove all visible soft fouling recognizable as plants or animals. It is recognized that cleaning will not remove hard (calcareous) fouling such as barnacles, mussels, calcareous tube worms, etc. However, selection of the cleaning equipment should be conducted so as to remove as much soft biological fouling as possible, taking into consideration the constraints posed by (3.2).
6. Underwater color still or video photography will be used to document the nature of the fouling present before and after the cleaning. Where water clarity is poor, a clear-water housing will be used to provide a clear image of the hull and associated fouling. Representative images for before and after cleaning conditions will be included in the inspection documentation, for at least the following areas:
 - a. forward, mid and aft 1/3 sections of the vessel length, distributed to include near surface, mid-depth, and keel.
 - b. shaft, skeg, and rudder
 - c. hull penetrations, including areas around sea chests
7. The lead diver or other responsible person associated with the divers will verify by signature that the pre- and post-cleaning inspection reports are accurate. Standard hull inspection data/report forms should be developed/used by MARAD for this purpose.
8. A responsible MARAD party will sign and validate a document certifying that the hull inspection and cleaning activities were carried out.
9. The diving team must maintain a daily log of the inspection and cleaning operations, to include:
 - a. Diver and Company Names
 - b. Cleaning operation dates and hours
 - c. Ship name
 - d. Type of cleaning
 - e. Type and quantity of personnel and equipment on scene
 - f. Notes on diving conditions, factors affecting the inspection and cleaning activities, and any other appropriate observations.

D. DOCUMENTATION

1. The following documentation will be submitted to the Coast Guard in conjunction with requests for approval of dead ship tow plans:

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- a. Inspection and Cleaning Report, signed by the lead diver and a responsible MARAD representative, to include:
 - a. Pre- (3.4) and post-cleaning (3.5) inspection reports signed by the lead diver
 - b. Concise technical description of cleaning operations performed.
 - c. Copies of Daily Dive Team logs (3.9), signed by the lead diver and a representative of MARAD.