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## **Fincantieri Marine Group Concludes Successful USCG RB-M Program**



Washington, DC: The United States Coast Guard held a ceremony in St. Petersburg, Florida on March 17 to recognize the 174<sup>th</sup> and final delivery of the 45-ft Response Boat Medium. On hand to commemorate the delivery milestone were Vice Admiral Peter V. Neffenger, Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, and Claire Grady, Deputy Assistant Commandant and Director of Acquisition, along with local officials, members from Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg and maritime industry personnel.

Fincantieri Marine Group (FMG) Vice President, Jeffery Freeman, representing prime contractor Marinette Marine Corporation, builders ACE Marine and teammate Kvichak Marine attributed program success to the dedication of the program management teams, “It has been our pleasure to work with the many men and women of the Coast Guard Program Office to guarantee success of this very special vessel. Since the first Response Boat-Medium was delivered in April 2008, RB-Ms have become a testament to performance, craftsmanship, efficiency and reliability. The RB-M has been a game-changer for the Coast Guard shore-based boat fleet. The exceptional shipbuilding professionals of ACE and Kvichak have set new standards of excellence in quality, in safety, and in on-time delivery in fulfillment of the Response Boat-Medium contract. We applaud their efforts.”

The 45-foot RB-M is a platform used for search and rescue, law enforcement, and ports waterways and coastal security missions close to shore. It is part of the Coast Guard's efforts to upgrade and standardize its boat fleet, and replaces the 1970s-era 41-foot utility boat, which has been retired from service. The RB-M can travel at speeds in excess of 40 knots and has a range of 250 nautical miles. Its twinjet propulsion engines increase its maneuverability, allowing it to get closer to other vessels and to more safely retrieve people from the water.”

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**Fincantieri Marine Group:**

Fincantieri operates in the United States through its subsidiary Fincantieri Marine Group (FMG). This company, which serves both civilian and government customers, including the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard, has three shipyards (Marinette Marine Corporation, Bay Shipbuilding Company, Ace Marine), all located in the Great Lakes region.