

Seaspan to build more vessels for CCG

Seaspan's Vancouver Shipyards received more good news in October when the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Public Works and Government Services announced an order for up to 10 additional vessels for the Canadian Coast Guard. The new vessels — five Medium Endurance Multi-Tasked Vessels (MEMTVs) and five Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) — will be added to Seaspan's order book, increasing the total number of vessels under the NSPS program to 17 (including three Offshore Fisheries Science Vessels, one Offshore Oceanographic Science Vessel, two Joint Supply Ships, and one Polar Icebreaker). The new order adds an estimated \$3.3 billion to the \$8 billion NSPS contract already held by Seaspan.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to build the next generation of vessels for the men and women of the Canadian Coast Guard and Royal Canadian Navy," said Brian Carter, President, Seaspan Shipyards. "This announcement marks the latest milestone in the future of the NSPS and the rebirth of the shipbuilding industry in B.C."

The MEMTVs — approximately 65 metres in length and capable of staying at sea up to four weeks — will be used primarily for the deployment, recovery and maintenance of aids to navigation, as well as search and rescue, fisheries management, and environmental response.



Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada Diane Finley shares a high-five with Brian Carter, President, Seaspan Shipyards.

The OPVs — about 75 metres in length and capable of staying at sea up to six weeks — will be used primarily for fisheries protection, both in Canadian and international waters, as well as search and rescue, aids to navigation support, and environmental response.

While it's too early to start discussing design, production schedules,

or delivery dates, the new business adds about 20 years' worth of work to Seaspan's plate. More than that though, through NSPS, Seaspan is developing and growing a world-class shipbuilding and ship repair centre of excellence on the West Coast that will pump an estimated \$2 billion in economic benefits into B.C.'s economy each year.



The CCGS Tanu — an example of an Offshore Patrol Vessel.

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