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Harper Government's ship strategy bolstering Canada's economy

Progress continues under NSPS with contracts to Vancouver Shipyards

Vancouver, British Columbia, February 22, 2013 — The Harper Government today announced a series of preliminary contracts valued at a total of \$15.7 million for the joint support ships, the CCGS *John G. Diefenbaker* polar icebreaker and the offshore fisheries science vessels.

“The Harper Government created the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy to support Canadian jobs and industries, while bolstering the Canadian economy by building ships right here in Canada,” said the Honourable Rona Ambrose, Minister of Public Works and Government Services and Minister for Status of Women. “Industry analysts have estimated that our shipbuilding strategy will contribute 15,000 jobs from coast to coast to coast and over \$2 billion in annual economic benefits over the next 30 years.”

As part of the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy (NSPS), these initial agreements will enable Vancouver Shipyards Co. Ltd. to:

- assist in the progression and assessment of the joint support ship design options;
- initiate a review of the polar icebreaker design; and
- refine the offshore fisheries science vessel design and specifications; and produce construction plans and determine requirements for material, subcontractors and labour.

“Our Government made the decision to build ships in Canada, while ensuring that the Royal Canadian Navy and the Canadian Coast Guard have the equipment they need to do the work we ask of them,” said the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence. “Our Government is steadfast in its commitment to defend Canada and these new ships help us achieve that commitment.”

“The joint support ships will be a critical tool for achieving success in both international and domestic Canadian Armed Forces missions,” said the Honourable Kerry-Lynne D. Findlay, Associate Minister of National Defence and Member of Parliament for Delta – Richmond East. “We are committed to the complex work of rebuilding our Royal Canadian Navy’s surface fleet, creating high-quality marine sector jobs, and to getting the job done right.”

“I am proud to be part of a government that is making unprecedented investments and showing such support for the Canadian Coast Guard,” said the Honourable Keith Ashfield, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Gateway. “This is another step in ensuring that the Coast Guard has the right ships to do its important work, from search and

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rescue to supporting science activities, environmental response and icebreaking. We are very excited about the renewal of the Coast Guard fleet.”

As part of the non-combat package under the NSPS, the joint support ships will replace the Royal Canadian Navy’s auxiliary oiler replenishment vessels. The new polar icebreaker, the CCGS *John G. Diefenbaker*, will be delivered to coincide with the decommissioning of the Canadian Coast Guard’s heavy icebreaker, the CCGS *Louis S. St-Laurent*, and the offshore fisheries science vessels are intended to replace the CCGS *Teleost*, the *Alfred Needler*, and the *W.E. Ricker*.

The Harper Government is following through on its commitment to build ships in Canada. The NSPS will mean long-term jobs and economic growth for the country, stability for the industry, and vital equipment for our men and women in the Royal Canadian Navy and the Canadian Coast Guard.

For more information on the NSPS, please visit <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/sam-mps/snacn-nsps-eng.html>.

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First contracts for #Vancouver Shipyards under #NSPS

#Shipbuilding is on track on the West Coast

Background Document d'information

Harper Government announces contracts with Vancouver Shipyards

Background on National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy

The Harper Government is committed to supporting the Canadian marine industry, to revitalizing Canadian shipyards and to building ships for the Royal Canadian Navy and Canadian Coast Guard here in Canada. The National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy (NSPS)—the largest procurement sourcing arrangement in Canadian history—is expected to create thousands of high-value jobs across the country and will have significant economic benefits in shipbuilding and related industries across Canada.

On October 19, 2011, the Harper Government announced that Irving Shipbuilding Inc. had been selected to build the combat vessel work package (21 vessels), and Vancouver Shipyards Co. Ltd. had been selected to build the non-combat vessel work package (seven vessels) under the NSPS. The total value of both packages is \$33 billion and the projects will span 20 to 30 years, creating 15,000 direct and indirect jobs for the Canadian shipbuilding industry.

In February 2012, the Harper Government signed the umbrella agreements for the construction of both the combat and non-combat packages. The non-combat package includes the joint support ships (JSS), the polar icebreaker, and the offshore fisheries science vessels (OFSV). The NSPS is on track and on February 22, 2013, the Harper Government announced contracts for each of these large vessels.

Background on JSS

The Harper Government awarded an initial agreement valued at \$1.4 million (HST included) as part of a task-based contract with Vancouver Shipyards Co. Ltd. The contract is part of a series leading to the delivery of new ships for the Royal Canadian Navy.

Within this initial contract, Vancouver Shipyards Co. Ltd. will assist in the planning and development of the design of the JSS. Under this contract, the shipyard will support portions of the project's definition activities. This task-based agreement allows for some flexibility, as additional tasks can be assigned if deemed necessary by the JSS project team.

Background on polar icebreaker

Following a strong industry engagement strategy that began on June 28, 2010, the selection process for the design services for the polar icebreaker concluded on November 17, 2011, with the announcement of a \$10.8-million contract to STX Canada Marine Inc., of Vancouver, British Columbia.

Within this initial contract, Vancouver Shipyards Co. Ltd. will initiate discussions and review the polar icebreaker design with STX Canada Marine Inc. and the Government. This process will determine the most efficient strategy for constructing the new vessel and ensure a seamless and timely transition between the design and construction phases of the contract.



To be named the CCGS *John G. Diefenbaker*, this vessel will be one of the centrepieces of Canada's high-profile Northern Strategy, which focuses on strengthening Canada's Arctic sovereignty, economic and social development, governance, and environmental protection. The delivery of the new icebreaker will coincide with the decommissioning of the Canadian Coast Guard's most capable existing heavy icebreaker, the CCGS *Louis S. St-Laurent*.

Background on OFSV

The Harper Government announced a construction engineering contract valued at \$13.2 million (HST included) with Vancouver Shipyards Co. Ltd. The contract is one of a series leading to the delivery of new ships for the Canadian Coast Guard.

Within this preliminary contract, Vancouver Shipyards Co. Ltd. will refine the OFSV design and specifications, produce construction plans and determine requirements for material, subcontractors and labour.

The requirement for this vessel is part of the Fisheries and Oceans Canada / Canadian Coast Guard Fleet Renewal Program. The Fleet Renewal Program will ensure that the Canadian Coast Guard has a strong, modern, multi-mission fleet, capable of delivering a cost-effective and reliable service to Canadians well into the future.

The shipyard

Vancouver Shipyards Co. Ltd. was selected following an open, fair and transparent process, with independent oversight provided by a fairness monitor and the assistance of third-party subject matter experts.

The Harper Government is committed to ensuring that the men and women of the Canadian Coast Guard have the equipment they need to do the work we ask of them.

For more information on the NSPS, please visit <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/sam-mps/snacn-nsps-eng.html>.