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EPS Corporation is awarded a \$200,000.00 contract to support the Ship to Shore Connector (SCC) cost study for the Department of Navy.

The SSC is intended to provide the functional replacement for the Navy's Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) hovercraft currently in service. To meet the mission requirements for the SSC, this next-generation platform must be designed, developed and produced to reduced operations and maintenance costs, and improved reliability and maintainability.

EPS Navy Systems an EPS business unit has assembled a team of subject matter experts with unparalleled qualifications to perform the studies required and apply our extensive hovercraft design and construction experience to the mission set by the office of the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA).

Over the 60-day study EPS will prepare and supply the Department of Navy with engineering requirements for repair, replacement, and integration of highly efficient advanced lightweight Fiber Reinforced Plastic (FRP) laminates using glass, Kevlar and carbon fiber for the SSC functional baseline design, specifically in the area of shafting, propulsor blades, shroud, lift van volute, bow thruster nozzle, rudders, and FOD screens structural components. Furthermore, EPS engineers will assess SSC parts support for these composite components throughout the life cycle of the program, as well as required technical assistance pertaining to parts support. "EPS is excited to be a part of this study. Our extensive background in the manufacturing and engineering of composite hovercraft will be an asset to the overall program," said Jim Cutts, Vice President for Engineering, EPS Navy Systems.

EPS Vectorworks Marine Shipyard in Titusville, FL, specializes in research, design, tooling and production of leading state-of-the-art marine vessels for military, commercial, sport, and recreational use. EPS is a Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) and has been verified as such by the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

