

Eastern Shipbuilding Group Inc. to Support Unit Production of U.S. Navy Destroyers



A grand block for DDG 135 arrives by barge for final integration at HII's Ingalls Shipbuilding division in August 2025 after being constructed, inspected and accepted at Eastern Shipbuilding Group's Nelson Facility.

From Eastern Shipbuilding Group Inc.

PANAMA CITY, Fla. – Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc. (ESG) is pleased to announce an agreement with HII's Ingalls Shipbuilding Division to support the limited production of outfitted structural units for the U.S. Navy's Flight III Arleigh Burke-class (DDG 51) guided missile destroyers.

Building on the success of a recent pilot program in which ESG constructed a limited number of DDG units at its Nelson Street

Facility in Panama City, Florida, the two companies have entered into an agreement that supports the expansion of the domestic industrial base and advances the U.S. Navy's surface combatant fleet.

"With nearly fifty years of experience delivering some of the most reliable and highest-performing steel and aluminum vessels, we're proud to partner with HII to support production of the U.S. Navy's destroyer fleet," said Joey D'Isernia, CEO of Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc. "This collaboration strengthens our national shipbuilding capability—expanding industrial capacity and enhancing our nation's competitive advantage."

The collaboration allows ESG to leverage the company's expertise, resources, and capabilities, ensuring that the U.S. Navy receives the necessary vessels to maintain its global readiness and superiority. With the growing demand for advanced naval vessels, this alliance provides a much-needed boost to America's shipbuilding capacity.

ESG is making investments to support these goals and is scheduled to complete a significant infrastructure improvement project at its Nelson Street government shipbuilding facility this summer. The expansion will significantly increase ESG's capability to construct and deliver multiple ships per year.

About Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc. (ESG)

Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc. is an American owned and operated shipbuilder with three shipyards on the Florida Gulf Coast. They build world class vessels for national defense and commercial clients, including the U.S. Coast Guard's Heritage Class Offshore Patrol Cutters and the U.S. Army Corps' new Medium Class Hopper Dredge. ESG is the largest private sector employer in Northwest Florida and is a 2017 recipient of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Small Business of the Year award. With a portfolio of over 350 vessels and Defense

Contract Management Agency (DCMA) and Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) certified systems, ESG is known as one of the most diverse vessel construction companies in the country. www.easternshipbuilding.com