

Navy Awards Silver Ships \$6.12M Contract for FMS Patrol Boats



Sailors with Riverine Squadron 3, Detachment 2, Regimental Combat Team 5, tour Marines of Civil Affairs Group, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, RCT 5, around Lake Quadsiyah, near Haditha, Iraq, in Riverine Patrol Boats, in this 2008 photo. U.S. Navy / Cpl. Seth Maggard

MOBILE, Ala. – Silver Ships Inc. has received a contract award worth \$6.12 million from the Naval Sea Systems Command for six Riverine Patrol Boats (RPBs), the company said in an Oct. 27 release.

The Riverine Patrol Boat is a U. S. Navy Foreign Military Sale (FMS) that will benefit a Pacific region ally. The 40-foot vessels are an extremely rugged, center console design and are powered by twin Yanmar 440 HP engines and waterjets. They are armed, armored and have been designed to carry 20 personnel, or a typical crew of six with 14 additional troops and cargo.

RPBs are designed to support military operations in inland waters and rivers as well as coastal areas. Typically, they are used to counter terrorism and lawlessness but can also be used for humanitarian assistance, medical evacuation, command and control, counter-drug, search and rescue, and many other missions.

Several partners were involved in supporting the project, including Laborde Products Inc., JDCI/Boatmaster and SKYDEX, among others.

“We are excited to be able to provide additional RPBs to the Navy’s Foreign Military Sales program,” said Shawn Lobree,

federal contracts manager at Silver Ships. "Silver Ships has maintained a consistent commitment to excellence by providing top quality and highly durable aluminum workboats to the U.S. and foreign militaries for more than two decades."

"Silver Ships has been manufacturing military patrol boats for the United States military for nearly 30 years and is proud to grow this continued partnership through the Navy FMS program," said Steven Clarke, co-owner of Silver Ships. "As our 35th anniversary comes to a close at the end of 2020 our sales backlog continues to grow, and our team looks forward to designing and building vessels that meet the highest quality, performance and durability standards."