

Saab Receives US Navy Readiness Support Tasking for Littoral Combat Ships



The Independence-variant littoral combat ship USS Oakland (LCS 24) arrives at Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) for a scheduled port visit. Oakland is currently operating in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations. *U.S NAVY / Seaman Darren Cordoviz*

STERLING, Va. – The Naval Surface Warfare Center – Port Hueneme Division (NSWC PHD) awarded Saab Inc. (Saab) two new tasks via modifications awarded Sept. 26 and 29, 2022, to provide readiness support to the Independence-class Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) fleet. The funded value of these tasks totals \$19.2 million and was booked in the third quarter of 2022.

The first of the two tasks, valued at USD 10.1 million, requires Saab to produce an AN/SPS-77 ship radar system (also known as Sea Giraffe AMB), as a government-owned test system to support development, test and evaluation for emerging operational requirements. The system will allow Saab to more rapidly develop and implement changes, and so more efficiently provide those changes to the radars on the ships. It will be located at Saab's headquarters in Syracuse, New York.

The second task, valued at USD 9.1 million, will see Saab delivering Maintenance Assist Modules (MAMs) kits.

“This award is in direct response to input received from the Navy's technical authorities and sailors on the ships about what is most needed to support their ships at sea,” said Erik Smith, president and CEO of Saab Inc. “We greatly value the opportunity to increase the readiness and capability of LCS and look forward to completing this work at our facility in

Syracuse, New York.”

The AN/SPS-77 is a multi-role medium-range 3D surveillance radar system for maritime operations. It provides simultaneous air and surface surveillance and is suitable for demanding naval environments from the littorals to blue-water operations. Saab has built a center of radar excellence in central New York, supporting radars on seven classes of Navy and Coast Guard ships, and also produces a substantial portion of the Ground/Air Task-Oriented Radar system for the U.S. Marine Corps.