

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration awards \$250 million contract to

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Science Applications International Corporation today announced it has been awarded a contract by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Coast Survey (OCS) to provide hydrographic surveying services to support NOAA's nautical charting mission. The multiple-award, indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract has a five-year period of performance and a ceiling value of \$250 million for all awardees. Work will be performed as required in the navigable waters of Alaska, the Gulf of Mexico, and other navigable waters of the U.S., including the east coast, Pacific, the Great Lakes and U.S. territories.

OCS provides navigational services and products to help ensure safe and efficient maritime commerce in and out of U.S. ports. Under this contract, SAIC will collect, process, analyze and report sonar, tidal, water level and other hydrographic survey data to be used in updating nautical charts and related tasks, such as mapping of debris on the ocean floor.

"SAIC has provided a broad range of coastal hydrographic survey services to NOAA since 1994 and we look forward to continuing this long-term working relationship," said John Fratamico, SAIC senior vice president and business unit general manager. "We are proud to be part of a program that helps ensure the safety of navigation for commercial shipping."

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