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Navy Awards Contract to NASSCO for Tenth T-AKE Ship

WASHINGTON – The Navy today awarded a \$360 million contract modification to General Dynamics National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO) for construction of T-AKE 10 and a \$100 million contract modification for long lead time material in support of T-AKE 11. The exact amount of the award is \$459,780,045.

“These ships provide effective fleet underway replenishment capability at the lowest life cycle cost,” said T-AKE Deputy Program Manager Frank McCarthy. “They’re designed and constructed to commercial specifications and standards, which means that they’re much easier to construct than other Navy ships and even easier to deploy.”

T-AKE 10 is expected to be completed in March 2011, and T-AKE 11 is expected to be completed in February 2012. Both ships will be built in San Diego. The basic T-AKE contract was competitively awarded for the detail design and construction of T-AKE 1, and included options for eleven additional ships.

The principal mission of T-AKE is to replace the current capability of the Kilauea-class (T-AE 26) ammunition ship, Mars-class (T-AFS 1) combat stores ships, and when operating in concert with a Henry J. Kaiser-class (T-AO 187) oiler ship, the Sacramento-class (AOE 1) fast combat support ship.

As an auxiliary support ship, T-AKE directly contributes to the ability of the Navy to maintain a forward presence. In its primary mission role, the T-AKE will provide logistic lift from sources of supply such as friendly ports, or at sea from specially equipped merchant ships by consolidation, and will transfer cargo at sea to station ships and other naval warfare forces. In its secondary mission, the T-AKE may be required to operate in concert with a Henry J. Kaiser-class (T-AO 187) oiler as a substitute station ship to provide direct logistics support to the ships within a carrier strike group. In its Maritime Prepositioning Force (Future) role T-AKE will contribute to the accomplishment of the seabasing mission area.

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