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## **Navy Establishes Program Executive Office for Littoral Combat Ships**

WASHINGTON— During a July 11 ceremony at the Washington Navy Yard, the Navy established the Program Executive Office, Littoral Combat Ships (PEO LCS).

The new PEO provides a single program executive responsible for acquiring and maintaining the littoral mission capabilities of the littoral combat ship (LCS) class from end to end, beginning with procurement, and ending with fleet employment and sustainment.

Previously, acquisition and maintenance of the seaframe and mission modules were conducted by two different PEOs — PEO Ships and PEO Littoral and Mine Warfare (PEO LMW) respectively. With the stand up of PEO LCS, PEO LMW has been disestablished and resident LCS program functions have been transitioned to this new Command. Non-LCS program functions from PEO LMW have been realigned within the Naval Sea Systems Command and existing PEOs.

Rear Adm. James Murdoch has been named the program executive officer for PEO LCS and E. Anne Sandel has been named as the executive director.

“The littoral combat ship is a critical shipbuilding program and demands the very best skill and effort from government and industry teams. To ensure that we deliver this program to the fleet successfully, I am establishing a new Program Executive Office, Littoral Combat Ships that will align several program offices into one consolidated PEO, focused entirely on achieving that result,” said Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition) Sean J. Stackley in a memo establishing the new PEO. “This action takes efforts that are currently managed across multiple organizations, and integrates design and development and tests, trials and evaluations under one roof. PEO LCS will have authority across all aspects of the program.”

LCS and its mission modules have been developed under a different strategy for shipbuilding using modular capability, minimal manning and new sustainment concepts. This strategy and these unique aspects of LCS lend themselves to a PEO structure that takes into account the complexity of a system-of-systems approach. Realignment to co-locate the shipbuilding and mission modules programs, together with fleet introduction, is designed to optimize program communication and increased programmatic synergy.

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“I am excited by the challenge of leading this historic effort to provide the Navy with new and highly capable warships equipped with extraordinary aviation features, large payload capacities and flexible environments for future missions – all contained within a fast, stable and efficient seafame to support the Navy’s needs today and tomorrow,” said Murdoch.

The new PEO LCS will include the following Program Offices: LCS (PMS 501), Remote Minehunting System (PMS 403), Unmanned Maritime Systems (PMS 406), LCS Mission Modules (PMS 420), Mine Warfare (PMS 495), and essential fleet introduction program and functional offices, such as test and evaluation and aviation integration.

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**Background:** *The LCS is an entirely new breed of U.S. Navy warship. A fast, agile, and networked surface combatant, LCS's modular, focused-mission design will provide combatant commanders the required warfighting capabilities and operational flexibility to ensure maritime dominance and access for the joint force. LCS will operate with focused-mission packages that deploy manned and unmanned vehicles to execute missions as assigned by combatant commanders.*

*LCS will also perform special operations forces support, high-speed transit, maritime interdiction operations, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and anti-terrorism/force protection. While complementing capabilities of the Navy's larger multi-mission surface combatants, LCS will also be networked to share tactical information with other Navy aircraft, ships, submarines, and joint units.*