Deepwater C4ISR Upgrades Contribute To Coast Guard Record Drug Seizure

Deepwater capabilities on CG cutters Hamilton and Sherman facilitated unprecedented levels of interagency coordination

The U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration have announced the record maritime seizure of more than 42,000 pounds of cocaine by 378-foot Coast Guard Cutters Hamilton and Sherman, both recipients of Deepwater C4ISR upgrades.

"Our congratulations go to the brave men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard," said Leo Mackay, president of Integrated Coast Guard Systems. "We are proud to see another example of Deepwater capabilities being successfully proven in the field. The system was designed to improve Coast Guard and interagency coordination - and that's just what has happened."

As part of a two-phased effort, the Deepwater team upgraded communications capabilities on all 39 Coast Guard high- and medium-endurance cutters providing access to a secure data network via SIPRNET, image sharing through faster satellite communications (SATCOM) and improved target identification using Automatic Identification Systems (AIS). The 12 378-foot cutters also received law enforcement radios allowing them to communicate in a protected environment.

About Integrated Coast Guard Systems

ICGS is a joint venture of Lockheed Martinand Northrop Grumman . ICGS was awarded the Deepwater contract in June 2002 and has been renewed through January 2011. Headquartered in Rosslyn, Va., core leadership teams are co-located in Virginia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey, and Washington, D.C.

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