

Propulsion Controls Engineering LLC (PCE) Honored As LCS Team Freedom Supplier Of The Year



Arlington, Va., Jan. 11, 2022 – Recognized for its outstanding performance and commitment to the Freedom-variant Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), [Propulsion Controls Engineering LLC \(PCE\)](#) was named as the 2021 Team Freedom LCS Supplier of the Year on Jan. 11 at the 34th annual Surface Navy Association National Symposium.

A longtime supplier to the Lockheed Martin-led team since 2010 on the USS Freedom (LCS 1), San Diego, California-based PCE is a full service electro-mechanical repair and diesel repair contractor. PCE was instrumental in conducting modifications and repairs to the ship propulsion system equipment on USS Minneapolis-Saint Paul (LCS 21). Their efforts ensured successful on-time repairs, delivering quality services that resulted in minimal rework.

"Propulsion Controls Engineering LLC (PCE) has been an excellent partner, repeatedly demonstrating its value to the LCS program and to the U.S. Navy," said **Steve Allen, vice president, Lockheed Martin Small Combatants and Ship Systems**. "The PCE team's tireless efforts in 2021 ensured an expedient and successful delivery of the USS Minneapolis-Saint Paul (LCS 21) back to the Navy. We look forward to our continued partnership as we deliver capability to the fleet."

Since the LCS program's inception, Freedom-variant LCS production has injected hundreds of millions of dollars into local economies throughout the Midwest. The Freedom-variant LCS team is comprised of Lockheed Martin, shipbuilder Fincantieri Marinette Marine (FMM), naval architect Gibbs &

Cox, and more than 800 suppliers in 42 states. The program supports thousands of direct and indirect jobs throughout the United States, including more than 7,500 jobs in Michigan and Wisconsin.

“PCE is proud to be a key supplier of the LCS program and a partner to this first-rate team in support of the U.S. Navy,” said **Ken Barr, General Manager, Propulsion Controls Engineering LLC (PCE)**. “Thank you to Lockheed Martin, the U.S. Navy, and the entire Freedom team for their continued partnership.”

The Lockheed Martin and Fincantieri Marinette Marine team is in full-rate production of the Freedom-variant LCS and has delivered 11 ships to the U.S. Navy to date. There are five ships in various stages of production.

Unique among combat ships, LCS is designed to complete close-to-shore missions, such as countermine operations, humanitarian assistance, anti-submarine warfare, and drug interdiction. LCS remains growing and relevant part of the Navy’s fleet.

- It is **flexible**—with 40 percent of the hull easily reconfigurable, LCS can be modified to integrate capabilities including over-the-horizon missiles, advanced electronic warfare systems (SEWIP) and decoys (Nulka), and in future, vertical launching systems or laser weapon systems.
- It is **fast**—capable of speeds in excess of 40 knots.
- It is **automated**—with the most efficient staffing of any combat ship.
- It is **lethal**—standard equipped with Rolling Airframe Missiles (RAM) and a Mark 110 gun, capable of firing 220 rounds per minute.

About the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS)

The Freedom-variant Littoral Combat Ship is a resilient, flexible warship, designed from the keel up to affordably take on new capabilities including advanced sensors, missiles and cutting-edge cyber systems. Its speed, strength and versatility make it a critical tool to help sailors achieve their missions. For more information, visit www.lockheedmartin.com/lcs.

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About Propulsion Controls Engineering (PCE)

Propulsion Controls Engineering (PCE) is a full service electro-mechanical ship and industrial repair company founded in 1974. PCE holds an Agreement for Boat Repair (ABR) with Naval Sea Systems Command, working as both a prime contractor and subcontractor for government ship repair. The company offers a wide array of services including repair of rotating machinery and pumps, electric motors (including motor rewinding) and generators, small and large diesel engines, pipe and structural welding and fabrication, governors and controls systems, hydraulic systems and valves. For more information, visit www.pcesandiego.com.