



Acquisition Directorate

INTERNATIONAL ACQUISITION PROGRAMS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Coast Guard's Office of International Acquisition manages the service's Foreign Military Sales (FMS) program, which acquires and delivers Coast Guard assets to foreign customers approved by the Department of Defense (DoD). The program establishes long-term partnerships and provides allies with access to the same assets the Coast Guard uses every day. The office is also responsible for the transfer of excess decommissioned assets under the Excess Defense Articles (EDA) program.

Through these programs, the Coast Guard builds international partners' capacity and develops relationships that enhance the pursuit of cooperatively shared maritime safety and security goals. These projects have contributed more than \$600 million to the U.S. economy and avoided more than \$53 million in disposal costs for the Coast Guard from 1997 to today.

Assets delivered include vessels that range in size from 25-foot response boats to 378-foot cutters, as well as maritime patrol aircraft. These assets, which have gone to more than 50 allied nations in the Americas, Africa, Asia and the Middle East, are critical to the development of navies and coast guards around the world.

International Acquisition Programs are mutually beneficial for the Coast Guard and for the government of an allied/friendly sovereign country. These programs help to foster a close relationship between the United States and customer countries, facilitating cooperation. Over the past four years, the Coast Guard's average annual international sales have increased 10-fold, from \$13 million to more than \$138 million, with more than 295 assets delivered and 55 assets pending delivery worldwide.



For updates on international acquisition, visit the program's website at <http://www.uscg.mil/acquisition/international/>.

Mission execution begins here.