

MOBILE - Congressman Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, today issued the following statement after the U.S. Navy announced a major contract award to General Dynamics and Austal, USA:

“Congratulations to General Dynamics and Austal, USA. The \$223 million contract is for the next phase of the Navy’s Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) program.

The LCS will be a brand new class of fast, highly maneuverable ship designed to carry the fight to the enemy in areas close to shore.

The General Dynamics/Austal, USA team was previously contracted to design the ship, and today’s award allows the team to move forward and build its first Littoral Combat Ship.

Another team is also building a LCS, and the two designs will ultimately compete for a larger production contract.

“I am extremely pleased that the Navy has shown such confidence in General Dynamics and its Mobile-based partner, Austal, USA. I am proud the people of southwest Alabama will be building this new class of Navy combat ship. Mobile has a strong naval heritage, and this program opens yet another chapter in that history.

It is gratifying to see companies like Austal, USA create good, high-paying jobs that are so important to our local economy.”

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