

AGOR 26 Status Update:

The contract for Phase II was awarded on 10/27/99 to Lockheed Martin, Launching Systems, Baltimore MD. The construction yard will be Atlantic Marine Inc. in Jacksonville FL.

Other subs to LM:

- Guido Perla and Associates – Detail Design
- Electronic Design Inc. – Propulsion System Integrator, Ship Electronics
- Noise Control Engineering – Noise Control issues
- Propeller design – To be selected.

Their primary goal in the first six months is to complete a detail design, get ABS approval on structural approach, complete model testing for powering, maneuvering, and control fins settings. The tests will be done in San Diego at (forget basin name).

AMI plans to construct the vessel in a modular fashion. They have already begun the ordering of long lead time items, and plan to "lay the keel" (or keels in this case) early August. Once they start the actual construction process, they will have the ship launched in 9 months. The delivery date for the vessel is September of 01. Then the ship begins its 9 month warranty period.

In general, the team (primary members – LM Baltimore/San Jose, AMI, GPA, 2 government reps, other special item members as needed (eg. Simrad, propeller, etc.) appears to be working very well. In doing the 804 process (versus SCN), Navsea believes that we have put 80% of the ship acquisition funds towards the construction, versus 60% in the case of the AGOR 24.