The Sentinel-class fast response cutter (FRC) is designed for multiple missions, including drug and migrant interdiction; ports, waterways and coastal security; fishery patrols; search and rescue; and national defense. The Coast Guard has ordered 56 FRCs to date and plans to acquire a domestic fleet of 58 FRCs to replace the 1980s-era Island-class 110-foot patrol boats. The total value of the contract is currently approximately $1.23 billion; it has a potential value of $1.42 billion if all options are exercised. The FRCs feature advanced command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance equipment; over the horizon cutter boat deployment to reach vessels of interest; and improved habitability and seakeeping. Thirty-four FRCs are stationed throughout the United States. Six each are in Miami and Key West, Florida; seven in San Juan, Puerto Rico; four in San Pedro, California; two in Ketchikan, Alaska; three in Cape May, New Jersey; two in Pascagoula, Mississippi; two in Honolulu, Hawaii; and two in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina.

Galveston, Texas; Apra Harbor, Guam; Astoria, Oregon; Boston, Massachusetts; and Kodiak, Seward, and Sitka, Alaska, are future FRC homeports.

For updates on the FRC, visit the program’s website at www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Acquisitions-CG-9/Programs/Surface-Programs/Fast-Response-Cutters/