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SIERRA VIDEO SELECTED FOR COMBAT SHIP FLEET

Sierra PRO™ Routing Switchers Employed in Lockheed Martin's Littoral Combat Ship Design

USS Freedom, LCS 1

Sierra Video is pleased to announce that its Sierra PRO routing switchers will be included in new Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) produced for the U.S. Navy by Lockheed Martin. The Sierra PRO family of RGBHV routing switchers was chosen for its long track record of reliability in combat ship environments.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates announced that the military has commissioned three new LCS ships for 2010, with an ultimate fleet number of 55 expected. The U.S. Navy's LCS Program began in 2002 with a requirement for a new Surface Combatant Family of Ships that was small, fast, technologically advanced and could maneuver in littoral (coastal) zones. The Lockheed Martin LCS-1, USS Freedom, was the first of these ships to be launched in 2007. It was commissioned in 2008.

THE CHOICE: SIERRA PRO

Mike Morgan, Director of Government Accounts for Sierra Video, has worked extensively with the US Navy and knows how important reliability and durability are in military installations. He says the Sierra PRO is a complimentary technology for the LCS, which requires equipment that can withstand the most rigorous missions. "This opportunity follows on the successes of our previous Navy programs such as Q-70, NAVSEA2 and the aircraft carrier upgrade. Our Sierra PRO routing switcher has shown time and again that it can hold up under tremendous stress and strain. Those qualities make it indispensible in environments as demanding as the LCS."

Sierra Video's Sierra PRO 3232V5 RGBHV routing switcher is a 9RU wideband routing switcher with a proven history of reliability in naval applications, able to withstand a high level of impact and shock. The Sierra PRO offers versatile routing features such as Matrix Mapping™ Universal Breakaway Switching, room grouping capability, Video Follow Sync™ Switching, and sync reporting. The routing switcher is outfitted with a front panel rotary control interface and redundant power supply. The longevity of Sierra Video's routing switchers has been a key advantage in a wide variety of military installations.

ABOUT LITTORAL COMBAT SHIPS

LCS ships employ a ship-wide network that can be controlled from a single workstation and rapidly reconfigured based on mission demands. These ships have the operational flexibility to execute focused missions as well as maritime interdiction, humanitarian and disaster relief missions. The ship is designed to operate in the shallow waters of coastal regions and to adapt to asymmetrical threats such as mines, submarines and fast surface craft. LCS can reach speeds well in excess of 40 knots.

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