

# Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding to build new tug

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Fincantieri Marine Group (FMG) has signed a contract for the construction of an Articulated Tug Barge Unit (ATB) for delivery in late 2017.

The contract includes an option for a second ATB unit to be potentially delivered in 2018. The vessels will be built at FMG's Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding (FBS) in Sturgeon Bay.

The new barge will have a capacity of 185,000-barrels with dimensions of 578 feet by 78 feet. The barge will be an 8,000-horsepower unit equipped with new Tier IV engines to meet the latest Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) emission standards. When complete, the ATB will operate on the East Coast and Gulf of Mexico.

"We are pleased to have this opportunity," said Francesco Valente, Fincantieri Marine Group president and CEO. "This new contract marks an additional expansion of our product portfolio, confirms our ability to win business with new customers in a very competitive market and further consolidates our presence and reach in the U.S. market."

"This award increases our pipeline of new construction to 10 vessels and provides additional stability to our business," said Todd Thayse, Bay Shipbuilding vice president and general manager. "We are grateful for the confidence that our customers continue to place in our reputation for quality and the strong shipbuilding skills of our workforce."

Thayse said Bay Ship is grateful for the continued support of the City to allow for expansion of the maritime community

"It is going to help with maintaining our current work force," Thayse said.

Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding is an operating division of Fincantieri Marine Group, the United States subsidiary of global shipbuilding giant Fincantieri, employing almost 21,000 people in 21 shipyards on four different continents, and with a 230-year track record of building more than 7,000 ships.