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Alan C. McClure Associates Contracted by Unidynamics to Design Fully-Articulating Ramp for Littoral Combat Ship

HOUSTON, Texas – December 17, 2004: Alan C. McClure Associates (ACMA), one of the industry's premier naval architecture and engineering firms, announced that it has been selected by Unidynamics to design a fully-articulating ramp for the Lockheed Martin Littoral Combat Ship (LCS). This assignment is part of a contract recently secured by Unidynamics to provide ship-board equipment handling systems and shell door structures for the 115-meter, high-speed ship being built for the U.S. Navy by the Lockheed Martin team. Critical to the success of the operation will be the ability of the ship's ramp to be deployed while the vessel is underway, allowing various watercraft to be launched and recovered.

"We're very excited about the opportunity to work with Unidynamics on this special project," said ACMA President Scott McClure. "Although this will be ACMA's first project with Unidynamics, we've built a good relationship with them over the past three years exploring various projects that might provide a good fit."

The Lockheed Martin team includes Gibbs & Cox, Marinette Marine and Bollinger Shipyards. Construction of the first LCS will begin at Marinette Marine in the first quarter of 2005, with delivery scheduled for late 2006. The LCS provides the Navy with fast, maneuverable and shallow draft ships aimed at maximizing mission flexibility in the world's coastal waters. Ensuring littoral battlespace access and dominance, the ship's first missions will include mine warfare, anti-submarine warfare and surface warfare.

About Alan C. McClure Associates, Inc.

Headquartered in Houston, Texas, Alan C. McClure Associates, Inc. (www.acma-inc.com) is one of the industry's premier naval architecture and engineering firms, and has been providing a wide variety of design and engineering services to an international clientele for over 29 years. Projects include drilling rigs, floating production systems and support craft for the offshore petroleum industry. Our array of services also includes project management, legal/arbitration consulting, surveying and negotiations. The ACMA staff and services represent the engineering disciplines necessary to successfully complete projects in naval architecture, marine engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering and engineering mechanics.

