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**ACMA Monitors TxDOT Ferry's First Dry Dock**

HOUSTON, Texas – June 25, 2009: Alan C. McClure Associates (ACMA), one of the industry's premier naval architecture and engineering firms, announced today that the first dry dock for a ferry being built for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has been completed at Conrad Deepwater in Amelia, Louisiana. ACMA and Schuller & Allen provided engineering and design for the new 264-foot vessel, and ACMA is now providing owner's representation during the construction period until vessel delivery.

According to ACMA Vice President Darrel Harvey, "The ferry's first dry dock went very smoothly. The vessel received her new propeller shafts, propellers and rudders, along with a fresh coat of bottom paint. Now she'll be given the final top side colors that she'll proudly wear during her tour of duty. Over the next few months, ACMA will be overseeing alignment of the propulsion system, electrical equipment integration and termination, and equipment start-up, as well as dock trails and sea trials."

Bruce Johnson, President of Schuller & Allan, a naval architecture and marine engineering firm with extensive ferry experience, including every Texas State ferry, commented, "Collaborating with ACMA on this project, as well as many others over the course of the last 30 years, underscores the value and efficiency of combining the unique strengths and expertise of each firm. We're looking forward to working with the ACMA team as we coordinate additional marine projects in the near future."

The ferry is scheduled for delivery in the second half of 2009. For additional information, video and photography that follows the progress on this TxDOT Ferry project, please visit: <http://www.acma-inc.com/drill/ferry.html>.

**About Alan C. McClure Associates, Inc.**

Headquartered in Houston, Texas, Alan C. McClure Associates, Inc. ([www.acma-inc.com](http://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 more than 30 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.



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