



## **PHOENIX AWARDED U.S. NAVY DIVING SERVICES CONTRACT**

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Washington, DC -- Phoenix International Holdings, Inc. (Phoenix) was awarded the U.S. Navy's five year, worldwide Diving and Diving Related Services contract. The contract is in direct support of the Navy's Office of the Supervisor of Salvage and Diving (SUPSALV) for whom Phoenix maintains an around-the-clock, global capability to perform waterborne repairs to ships and structures. The company provides surface supplied air, mixed gas, and saturation diving services, along with engineering, technical and software support when meeting this primary objective. Supplemental contract responsibilities include salvage assistance.



Phoenix is honored to hold this competitive contract since 1997. During this timeframe, Phoenix expertise was called upon to undertake a number of challenging projects including repair support to USS DENVER (Hawaii), USS LA MOURE COUNTY (Chile), USS SAN FRANCISCO (Guam), USS NEWPORT NEWS (Bahrain) and USS HARTFORD (Italy and Bahrain), all ships and submarines that suffered collision damage while on operations; the in-water repairs to U.S. Coast Guard icebreakers POLAR STAR and POLAR SEA and the Russian icebreaker, MV KRASIN, all requiring propeller repairs while in the Antarctic Ocean; the design and development of a 6-man, 1,000 foot depth capable, fly-away, saturation diving system; and the capture and lifting device used to safely recover the 143 ton turret of USS MONITOR. Phoenix developed 14 U.S. Navy approved underwater dry chamber and wet welding procedures for welding on a variety of materials from mild steels to the more exotic alloys found in ship construction. These and attendant non destructive test procedures are critical to successfully performing emergent and scheduled repairs to ships and submarines deployed around the world.

Mike Kutzleb, President of Phoenix, stated, "Phoenix is extremely pleased to be selected in the re-competition of the Diving and Diving Related Services contract. We are dedicated to providing our Navy customer with superior project performance, and we are gratified that our efforts have been recognized and rewarded. Our continuing success is the result of our employee's expertise, our dedication to providing quality services, and our belief in the importance of the SUPSALV mission."

Phoenix provides manned and unmanned underwater operations, design engineering, and project management services to clients in the defense, offshore oil & gas and other ocean-interest industries worldwide. Expertise is available from six regional offices in the areas of wet and dry hyperbaric welding, conventional and atmospheric diving, and robotic systems and tooling. Our capabilities are directed to underwater inspection, maintenance and repair; deep ocean search & recovery; submarine rescue; construction; subsea tieback; plug & abandonment; archaeological and documentary projects.

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