



## **McMurdo Awarded US\$3 Million Contract to Provide the U.S. Coast Guard up to 16,000 Emergency Distress Beacons**

*FastFind® 220 Personal Locator Beacon to Enhance Crew Safety*

**Lanham, Maryland, USA – August 16, 2016** – McMurdo, Inc., the most trusted name in emergency readiness and response and part of Orolia Group, announced today that it has been awarded a US\$3 million contract with the United States Coast Guard (USCG). McMurdo will supply up to 16,000 [FastFind® 220](#) personal locator beacons (PLBs) over the next five years to enhance crew safety in the event of emergencies. The award is an indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contract with a base year and four one-year options.



“For 226 years, the U.S. Coast Guard has protected America’s waterways, defended its borders and saved those in peril,” said Mark Cianciolo, general manager of McMurdo’s aerospace, defense and government programs. “This award is a major validation of the products and technologies that fortify McMurdo’s position as the global leader in emergency readiness and response. We are honored to provide a solution that enhances the safety of crew members who risk their lives daily.”

With a compact, handheld design, the FastFind 220 is used to notify emergency personnel during a land, air or water emergency in remote or high-risk environments using the 406MHz frequency. Once activated, the PLB transmits a distress signal containing unique beacon identification information and location data via the international search and rescue satellite system operated by Cospas-Sarsat. The signal is then quickly passed to regional search and rescue authorities who can rapidly respond to the emergency.

McMurdo is the only provider of an end-to-end search and rescue ecosystem that includes distress beacons, satellite connectivity, mission control and rescue coordination center systems, and rescue response communications products. Nearly 25 percent of the world’s emergency distress beacons and approximately 50 percent of the Cospas-Sarsat search and rescue infrastructure globally are manufactured by McMurdo.

For photos, videos and more information about the USCG contract for the FastFind 220 PLB, please visit <http://www.mcmurdogroup.com/uscg-plb/>.

### **About McMurdo**

McMurdo ([www.mcmurdogroup.com](http://www.mcmurdogroup.com)) is a global leader in emergency readiness and response including search and rescue and maritime domain awareness solutions. At the core of these solutions are resilient positioning, navigation and tracking products, technologies and applications that have helped to save over

40,000 lives since 1982. A part of Orolia Group, McMurdo brings together nearly 150 combined years of experience by consolidating proven Boatracs, Kannad, McMurdo, SARBE and Techno-Sciences, Inc. brands into the industry's first end-to-end emergency readiness and response ecosystem (distress beacons, satellite connectivity infrastructure, monitoring/positioning software and emergency response management solutions). Airbus, Boeing, the British Royal Navy, the U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA, NASA and others are among the hundreds of aviation, fishing, government, marine and military customers around the world that trust McMurdo to prevent emergencies, protect assets and save lives. Established in January 2014, McMurdo has offices in France (Guidel and Sophia Antipolis), the U.K. (Portsmouth) and the U.S. (San Diego and Washington D.C.).

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