



The boat is **Alaskan.** The shipyard is **not.**

An Anchorage, Native-owned firm won a **\$24.96M** Navy contract for autonomous stealth vessels. They will be built in Oregon.

The Navy did not shop around.

AMOUNT	\$24,960,408
FOR	autonomous low-profile vessels
TO	ReconCraft LLC, Anchorage, Alaska
BUILT IN	Clackamas, Oregon
DONE BY	November 2028
BOUGHT	sole source, no competition (FAR 19.805-1(b)(2))

below the surface Paid from FY2026 innovative-technologies (Navy) funds, obligated at award, expiring at the fiscal year end.

One firm. One price. One address on the paperwork.

Built to show almost nothing.

under 0.61 m
FREEBOARD

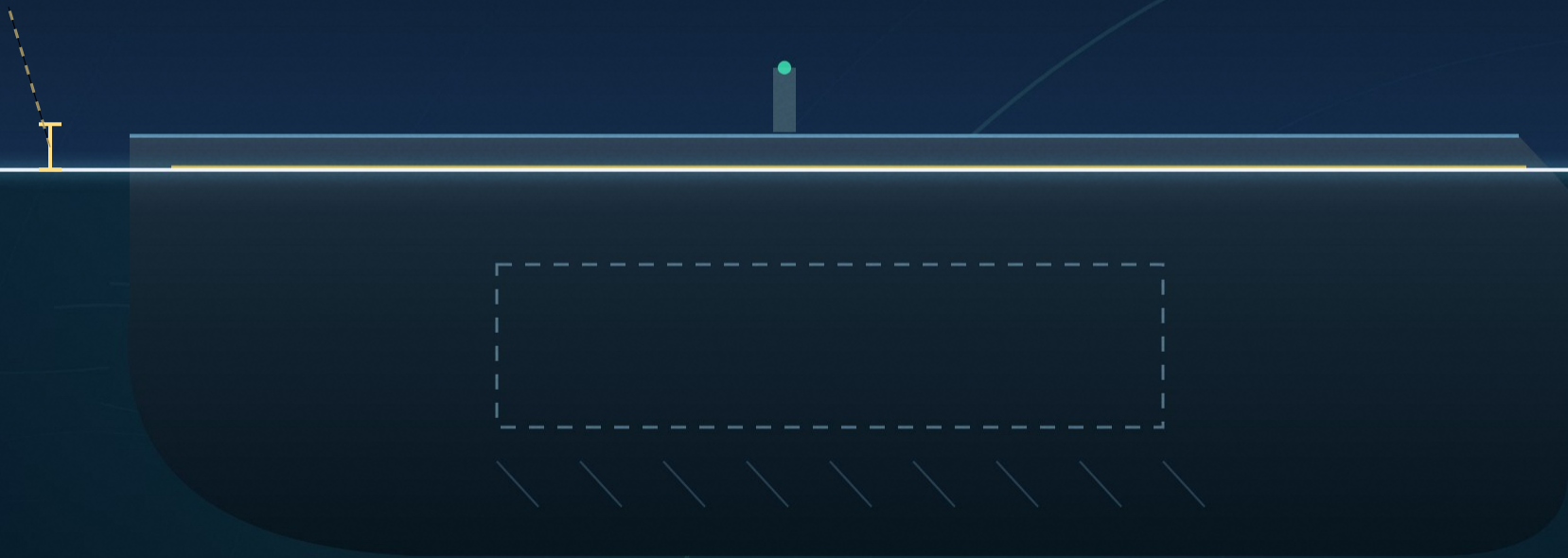
19.75 m (65 ft)
LENGTH

2,000 to 4,627 kg
PAYLOAD

2,200 nmi
RANGE, ABOUT

ALPV class figures, not ReconCraft's stated design.

0.61 m above



The hull is borrowed from narco-submarines, tuned to beat radar, sonar, sight and heat.

No crew. Not yet a mind.

WHAT THE NAVY WANTS NEXT

Run itself in crowded ports, with GPS jammed and communications down.

WHAT IT DOES TODAY

No one aboard, driven by remote control and pre-set waypoints.

Autonomous is the plan, not yet the whole reality.

WHY NO COMPETITION

A set-aside did the winning.



The Navy bought this sole source under the **SBA 8(a) program**, the federal channel that routes contracts to Native-owned and disadvantaged small firms.

NATIVE-OWNED

TRIBALLY-OWNED

8(a) CERTIFIED, THROUGH DEC 2, 2026

FAR 19.805-1(b)(2)

So the Navy could skip the bidding.

\$24.96M • one firm • by design

The program is doing what it was built to do. That is the point, not the scandal.

PAPER VS STEEL

Owned **up here.** Welded **down there.**

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Incorporated here, Native-owned, the address on the contract.

CLACKAMAS, OREGON

The shipyard, where the steel is actually cut. Hulls up to 120 ft.

2 states. 1 boat. 1 flag on the contract.

THE REAL QUESTION

An ownership stake. Not a shipyard.

That is Alaska's seat in the robot-boat boom right now. A real Alaska Native business win, and also the shape of the whole slice.



An Alaska industry, or just an **Alaska address?**

If a Native-owned firm wins the contract but the boats are built Outside, does the win count as Alaska's? Tell me where you land.

Sources in the comments.