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Cooperative Research and Development Agreement between ACB and the United States Army

Aluminum Chambered Boats (ACB), Inc. Bellingham, Wash. (Oct. 19, 2007) – Just completed was the signing and acceptance of the Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) between ACB and the U.S. Army.

The statement of work's objective is "to jointly demonstrate, research, assess, and evaluate emerging technologies for Bridge Erection Boats (BEB) and multi-mission float bridge equipment." It also will "assess potential new watercraft designs that could improve survivability and performance."

ACBs CEO / Founder Larry Wieber states, "we feel this is a direct result of delivering 66 BEBs to the U.S. Marine Corps on time, on budget, and meeting U.S.M.C. stringent quality control requirements. We have been told one ACB Bridging Unit already has over 400 hours of operational time with 100% mission availability and zero engine failure."

Mr. Wieber points out that most people don't realize the U. S. Army has more small boats than the Navy. The testing of the boat and the up-armoring significantly enhances market potential not only with the U.S Army but other opportunities around the world.

ACB would like to personally thank Congressman Rick Larsen and the entire Washington Delegation for their tireless effort in support of ACB's work with the U.S. Army.

Congressman Larsen states, "I congratulate Aluminum Chambered Boats for this agreement and for their ongoing partnership with the U.S. Army. ACB and the U.S. Army's joint testing agreement will help develop cutting-edge equipment to protect our servicemen and women in the field and help them do their jobs. Furthermore, ACB's ongoing work with the U.S. Army has the potential to bring more family-wage jobs to Northwest Washington."

Aluminum Chambered Boats Inc. is an aluminum boat manufacturer headquartered in Bellingham, Wash. ACB builds patented, rugged, state-of-the-art high performance aluminum boats for government, recreational and commercial customers on a global basis.