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NAVSEA Exercises Expanded Options in Contract for Bluefin

Cambridge, MA, USA—February 28, 2008—Bluefin Robotics, a leading Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) manufacturer, has announced that the Naval Sea Systems Command, Indian Head Division has exercised an option in a previously awarded contract for the Bluefin-9 series AUV. With a potential value of \$29 million, the contract outlines procurement of AUV systems, support equipment, engineering support, and other services.

The vehicles are designed to perform Very Shallow Water Mine Countermeasures and will play a significant role in Port Security and Harbor Protection, as well as providing an expeditionary capability for force projection and protection. The Navy's Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) community will be the beneficiary of this capability. The Bluefin-9, in the *SeaLion* configuration, will aid EOD personnel in their duties to detect, localize and classify mines, and Undersea Improvised Explosive Devices. Equipped with a dual frequency side scan sonar and a sophisticated software suite, the vehicle will autonomously scan the seafloor for mine-like or other suspicious objects. Bluefin's lithium-ion polymer rechargeable battery technology provides the vehicle with over 12 hours of dependable endurance and the ability to rapidly swap battery modules between missions.

ABOUT BLUEFIN ROBOTICS

Bluefin Robotics manufactures and develops Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) vehicles, systems, and technology. Founded in 1997, the Company has grown to become a world leader in AUV products designed for military, commercial (oil and gas exploration, sea floor mapping), archaeological, and other applications. Bluefin Robotics is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Battelle Memorial Institute. For more information visit www.bluefinrobotics.com or contact Deanna Abraham at (617) 715-7080 or at dabraham@bluefinrobotics.com

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