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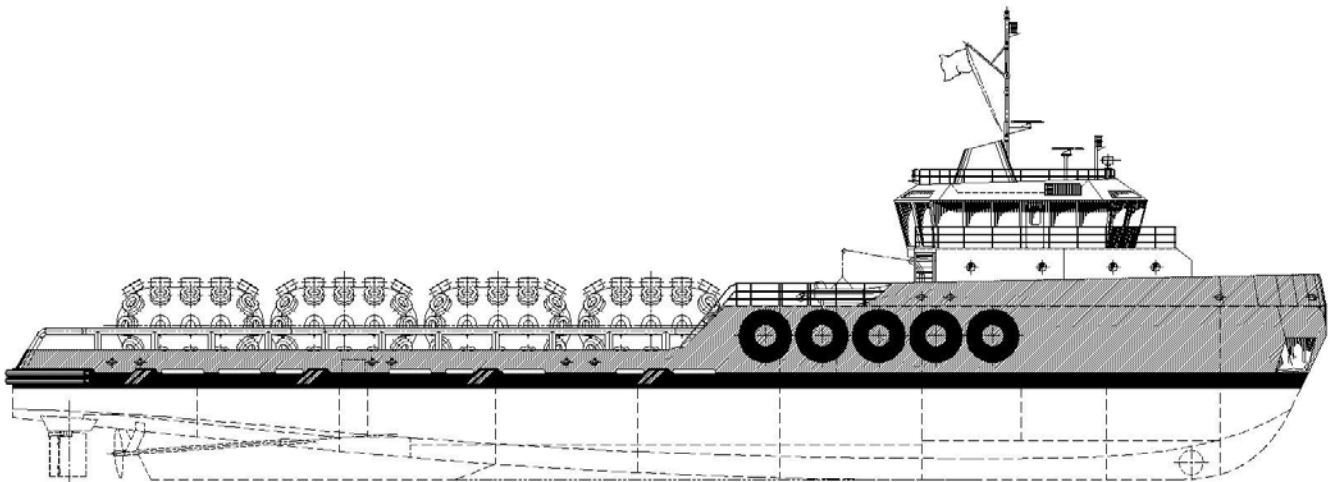
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New LSV Design by EBDG

EBDG designs new vessels for AET

Seattle-based Elliott Bay Design Group (EBDG), through its New Orleans office, has been selected to design a new series of Lightering Support Vessel (LSV) for AET. These vessels will primarily service the lightering activity of AET in the Gulf of Mexico, based at the Port of Galveston.

AET is an industry leader in the Gulf lightering business and requires modern, new lightering support tonnage to better serve its clients and aid in safe operations. EBDG has been working with AET to develop this specialized LSV design to meet the service requirements of AET's client. The new vessels will measure 187' x 46' x 15', have an estimated lightship weight of 1670 tons and are designed to be easily built and operated.



Although the new generation LSV might look similar to a Gulf supply boat, several characteristics set it apart. It is designed to be easily built and operated. It also features less piping, ballast and cargo tankage. Since the vessel is mission-specific to handle Yokohama fenders and small cargos for tankers,

there is no need for dry-bulk tankage and associated pumps for systems such as fuel oil cargo and drill water. The design calls for hi-lift rudders and modest power. The vessel's bow design shows minimized flare and the side shell is 'canted' inwards (known as tumble-home) to reduce appendages and surfaces. This minimizes the risk of damage in close-quarters maneuvering and promotes safety and ease of operations when working close-aboard tankers off-shore.

AET has contracted with Leevac Industries, LLC of Jennings, LA to build two of the 187' LSVs with a series of options for up to six additional vessels. The first two vessels are currently under construction with delivery expected to begin in October, 2011.

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