

# Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc. Renews its ISO 9001:2015 Certification in Operating a Quality Management System



Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc. is pleased to announce its recent ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System. In July of 2017, Eastern completed a registration audit from the ISO 9001:2008 standard to the 9001:2015 standard. Eastern's scope of certification includes: design, construction, modification and repair of ships for clients worldwide. Eastern has maintained ISO 9001 certification since 2011.

Globally adopted in virtually all industries - from manufacturers and service companies, to companies both large and small, multi-site multi-national organizations and single location businesses, ISO 9001 has become the most widely recognized Management System Standard. The release of the 2015 standard provides businesses with the opportunity to adopt a more holistic approach to managing their business processes. These requirements can bring discipline and consistency to an organization's operating processes.

ISO 9001:2015 significantly differs from the 2008 version. The key changes include:

- A stronger focus on risk management and customer satisfaction
- More emphasis on leadership and commitment
- Fewer prescriptive requirements
- More requirements on communication and strategic alignment
- Formal introduction of 'interested parties'

Of importance is the addition of the new "Annex SL" platform (replacing the ISO Guide 83). This platform brings together a common framework for a number of management system standards, ensuring consistency and making the standards easier to read and implement across the whole business management system.

As the world becomes more complex, business risks are greater than ever before. Yet to capitalize on the tremendous growth and profit opportunities, companies must embrace and smartly manage risk. Leading organizations across the world trust SAI Global to help implement, execute, and sustain enterprise risk management strategies leveraging a comprehensive suite of products and services.

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Eastern is a family held shipbuilding company located in Panama City, Florida. A long-time employer in Bay County for over 40 years providing high paying jobs for local craftsmen. Since 2008, Eastern has spent more than \$75 million dollars in upgrading and expanding its facilities and shipbuilding capabilities to continue growing and meeting the needs of its Commercial and Government Customers.

Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc. has two new construction and repair facilities and has been in business since 1976 building new, converting and repairing vessels in steel and aluminum of all types including offshore and harbor/escort tugs, offshore tugs, offshore/platform supply vessels, ATB's, multi-purpose construction vessels, research vessels, firefighting vessels, barges, dredges, ferries, passenger vessels, fishing vessels and inland towboats. Eastern maintains its role as one of the most diversified and innovative construction shipyards in the United States.

Eastern Shipbuilding Group continues to remain a custom shipbuilder, delivering seventeen (17) vessels of various sizes and designs over the last twelve (12) months.

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