

## Port Security Barriers Being Installed at NASNI

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CORONADO, Calif.- New floating Port Security Barriers (PSB) around the North Island aircraft carrier basin are currently being installed to replace the old Dunlop Anti-Boat Barrier System (DABBS) at Naval Air Station North Island.

The six month project was awarded to Great Eastern Group, Inc. (GEG) on May 12, 2010 and is expected to finish November 2010.

According to GEG Director of Programs, Greg Edge, the team spent four months on fabrication and procurement of the new barrier components. The GEG team will spend the next two months moving, assembling, changing out buoys, installing the PSB's, and removing and cleaning of the old barriers.

A total of 166 PSB modules will be replacing the existing 80 DABBS units.

A team of approximately six personnel can assemble a PSB single module in 90 minutes.

"DABBS are being phased out," said Edge. "They were installed to protect high priority assets as a response to worldwide threats manifested in such incidents as the attacks on USS Cole and World Trade Center (New York City)." Edge continued, "DABBS were employed while the PSB system was undergoing final development and testing."

According to the Naval Facilities Engineer Service Center, the DABBS are being replaced with the PSB because the system is environmentally friendly, will enhance security and is cost effective in terms of inspection and maintenance.

"All waterborne systems wear out over time. When it's time for replacement, select the best alternative available," said Edge.





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