

## Maritime Administration OKs funds for company

The federal Maritime Administration has approved a \$476,670 grant that will allow United States Marine Inc., in Gulfport, to buy shipyard equipment to improve its production of military, patrol and special warfare boats, U.S. Sens. Thad Cochran and Roger Wicker said Thursday.

The Maritime Administration, an agency within the U.S. Department of Transportation, awarded the money as part of the Assistance to Small Shipyards grant program.

United States Marine applied for the grant to help it buy an epoxy oven, composite freezer and CNC material cutter.