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### GPA Selected for Final Design and Production Engineering for 64 Car WSF Ferry

**Seattle, WA** - Guido Perla & Associates, Inc. (GPA), a leading US Naval Architecture and Marine, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Firm, founded in 1979 and headquartered in Seattle, WA, was again selected by TODD Pacific Shipyards in Seattle and approved by Washington State Ferries (WSF) to deliver the final design and production engineering for a 64-car ferry after completing the final design for the WSF 144-car ferry in November of 2008.

The 64-car ferry, intended to carry 750 passengers and 64 standard autos, will incorporate all of the latest USCG requirements for Safety and Security. Washington State Ferries is the largest ferry system in the United States and the third largest in the world, transporting over 24 million passengers annually.

GPA's relevant design experience includes the SOLAS certified passenger vessels *M/V Empress of the North* and *M/V Coastal Queen*, as well as the *M/V Susitna*, also known as the E-Craft, a high speed ferry capable of carrying 20 vehicles currently under construction at Alaska Ship & Drydock for the Office of Naval Research. GPA also provided regulatory approval drawings and detailed construction engineering for the Pierce County vehicle ferry *M/V Steilacoom II*, built by Nichols Brothers Boat Builders and Todd Pacific Shipyard and was the Owner's Naval Architect for the design and construction of the *M/V Stikine* vehicle ferry.

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