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To our Marine Industry Friends:

First, we wish you all good health and we hope your personal and professional lives are not severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

We would like to offer any support that Hockema Whalen Myers Associates (HWMA) can provide towards helping you maintain critical business operations as new community policies are mandated to keep all of us safe and healthy. As most of you know, HWMA utilizes a decentralized business model which relies on our team members working remotely from each of our personal home offices. Our main reason for doing this is to reduce or eliminate commuting time so our team members can have more time with their families.

In these challenging times this business model has also enabled us to continue working normally. While we have temporarily closed our Ballard Avenue (Seattle) office where a few of us normally assemble one day every two weeks or for scheduled client meetings, we continue to work from our home offices on a full time basis.

HWMA company policies and processes have been tailored to promote efficient internal communications and collaborative work product development across multiple office locations. We expect minimal impact to our naval architecture and engineering service availability as companies acclimate to current and upcoming changes in our societal environments. Please call or email us with any pressing or other projects we can help you complete.

Also, HWMA is happy to provide advice or share lessons learned as you implement distant work programs in the near term. One milestone we have recently achieved in our continual process improvement program is migrating our entire network and job history files onto a cloud based storage platform, along with a separate physical backup site. This transition has improved the speed of project file sharing internally as well as file transfers to clients. Access is available anywhere with an internet connection. HWMA may be able to help recommend temporary or more permanent options that have been vetted and work for us in this regard.

Best regards and stay safe, from the HWMA Team.

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