

BAE Systems to Modernize USS Mitscher



The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Mitscher (DDG-57) prepares to conduct a fueling-at-sea with the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) in February 2021. *U.S. NAVY / Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Cameron Pinske*

NORFOLK, Va. – BAE Systems has received a \$1.9 million contract from the U.S. Navy for the maintenance and modernization of the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Mitscher (DDG 57). The value of the competitively awarded contract could reach \$101.2 million if all options are exercised.

Under the docking selected restricted availability contract awarded, BAE Systems will dry-dock the ship, perform underwater hull preservation work, support the Navy's efforts to upgrade the ship's Aegis combat system and its command-and-

control equipment and refurbish the living spaces for the ship's 285 crewmembers. The work is expected to begin in March 2022 and to be completed in April 2023.

"Our team looks forward to the preservation and upgrade work aboard USS Mitscher," said Mike Bruneau, vice president and general manager of BAE Systems Norfolk Ship Repair. "With our subcontractor teammates and Navy personnel alongside, we will apply our experience with the DDG class to ensure this ship returns to the fleet mission-ready and fully capable to support our national security."

BAE Systems' Norfolk shipyard is performing similar work aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Stout (DDG 55).

USS Mitscher is the second U.S. Navy ship named in honor of Adm. Marc Mitscher (1887-1947), who served as commander of the Fast Carrier Task Force 58 in the Pacific, the Navy's main striking force during the latter half of World War II. The current ship was commissioned in December 1994.