

BAE to Modernize USS Preble Under \$103.5 Million Contract



The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Preble returns to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 25 following the ship's surge deployment to the U.S. 4th Fleet area of operations. U.S. NAVY / Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Jaimar Carson Bondurant

SAN DIEGO – BAE Systems has received a \$103.5 million contract from the U.S. Navy for the maintenance and modernization of the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Preble, the company said in an Aug. 18 release. The value of the competitively awarded contract could reach \$117.7 million if all options are exercised.

Under the depot maintenance period availability contract awarded, BAE will dry-dock the ship, perform underwater hull preservation work, upgrade the ship's Aegis combat system and its command-and-control equipment, and refurbish the living spaces for the ship's 280 crew members. The work is expected to begin in October and be completed in February 2022.

"The depot maintenance availability BAE Systems will perform aboard USS Preble is complex and critical," said David M. Thomas Jr., vice president and general manager of BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair. "Our team of employees, subcontractors and Navy personnel have a great deal of experience with the DDG class and look forward to ushering the USS Preble into its next phase of fleet readiness."

BAE Systems' San Diego shipyard is completing similar work aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Shoup.

The Preble is the 38th ship in the Arleigh Burke class and was commissioned in 2002. The ship is named in honor of Commodore Edward Preble, an early 19th-century Navy hero. Five previous

U.S. naval combatants were named after the commodore.